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Blog-o-riffic

ODDBALLS
RedEye's Cubs blogger Matt Lynch takes a break from sparring with our White Sox blogger Ryan Pedersen to ponder just what pop song the Cubs should use as their theme song. The 2005 White Sox will always be remembered for "Don't Stop Believin'." What do you think the Cubs should pick? Check out Matt's suggestions (warning: you may get rickrolled) and leave your own at **redeyechicago.com/oddballs**.

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No bike zone

Why one man in Calif. is leading the ride against urban bicycling

To judge by the packs of cyclists streaming down Milwaukee Avenue every morning, the overstuffed bike racks in Chicago neighborhoods and the busy cash registers at area bike shops, many in the Chicago area appear to be choosing life in the bike lane. MICHAEL TERCHA/TRIBUNE FILE

The Wall Street Journal

SAN FRANCISCO New York is wooing cyclists with chartreuse bike lanes. Chicago is spending nearly $1 million for double-decker bicycle parking.

San Francisco can't even install new bike racks.

Blame Rob Anderson. At a time when most other cities are encouraging biking as green transport, the 65-year-old local gadfly has stymied cycling-support efforts here by arguing that urban bicycle boosting could actually be bad for the environment. That's put the brakes on everything from new bike lanes to bike racks while the city works on an environmental-impact report.

Cyclists say they're paying the price. At least four bikers have died and hundreds more have been injured in San Francisco since mid-2006, when Anderson helped convince a judge to halt implementation of a massive pro-bike plan. (It's unclear whether the plan's execution could have prevented the accidents.)

In the past year, bike advocates have demonstrated outside City Hall, pushed the city to challenge the plan's freeze in court and proposed putting the whole mess to local voters. Nothing worked.

"We're the ones keeping emissions from the air!" shouted Leah Shahum, executive director of the 10,000-strong San Francisco Bicycle Coalition, at a July 21 protest.

Anderson disagrees. Cars always will vastly outnumber bikes, he reasons, so allotting more street space to cyclists could cause more traffic jams, more idling and more pollution.

Anderson moved to San Francisco in 1995. He started a blog, digging into local politics with gusto. One of his first targets: the city's most ambitious bike plan to date. It called for more bike lanes, better bike parking and a boost in cycling to 10 percent of the city's total trips by 2010.

The plan irked Anderson. Having not owned a car in 20 years, he says he has had several near misses with bikers roaring through crosswalks and red lights, and sees bicycles as dangerous and impractical for car-centric American cities. "The behavior of the bike people on city streets is always annoying," he says. In February 2005, Anderson showed up at a planning commission meeting. If San Francisco was going to take away parking spaces and car lanes, he argued, it had better do an environmental-impact review first. When the Board of Supervisors voted to skip the review, Anderson sued.

In November 2006, a California Superior Court judge rejected San Francisco's contention that it didn't need an environmental review and ordered San Francisco to stop all bike-plan activity until it completed the review.

Since then, San Francisco has pedaled very slowly. City planners say they're being extra careful with their environmental study, in hopes that Anderson and Ms. Miles won't challenge it. Planners don't expect the study will be done for another year.

INTO ELECTRIC?
Electric bikes are flying off the racks. Want to know more?
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BY THE NUMBERS

E-mail in the air

You can now surf in the sky, if you're an American Airlines customer. On Wednesday, the airline launched Wi-Fi service on some airplanes through a service called Gogo, providing broadband Internet access for coast-to-coast domestic flights. TRIBUNE

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Press 9 to call Comcast, enter the phone number associated with your account and explain to a customer-service rep—after telling him the phone number associated with your account—what has happened. Press 10 to talk to multiple other reps before being assured that your service is now in your name. Press 11 to believe them. Then, press 12 to be transferred to Verizon to deal with your issues with them.

Please call Comcast, please enter the phone number associated with your account, and then please press 13 to take an hour to explain what was just explained above in one sentence. Press 14 to be switched to the proper department to explain it again. Press 15 to be finally, dramatically told, "What we can do is a 'name change.' "

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Press 16 to somehow find yourself agreeing to do Comcast's bidding.

Wait four days without receiving the "name-change form" e-mail before calling Comcast and pressing 17 to request another one. Press 18 to be told that the e-mail may take longer to arrive.

Press 19 to use up your two allotted "f-words" before the Lord is brought into this, while reminding Comcast that it sells Internet service.

Three days later, have a moment of clarity in which you decide to cancel Comcast, cancel everything else and live "off the grid." To do this, please press 20 and enter the phone number associated with your account.

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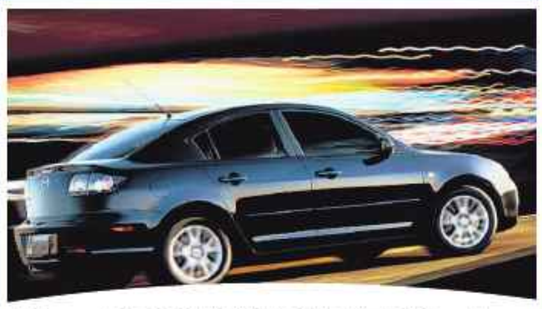

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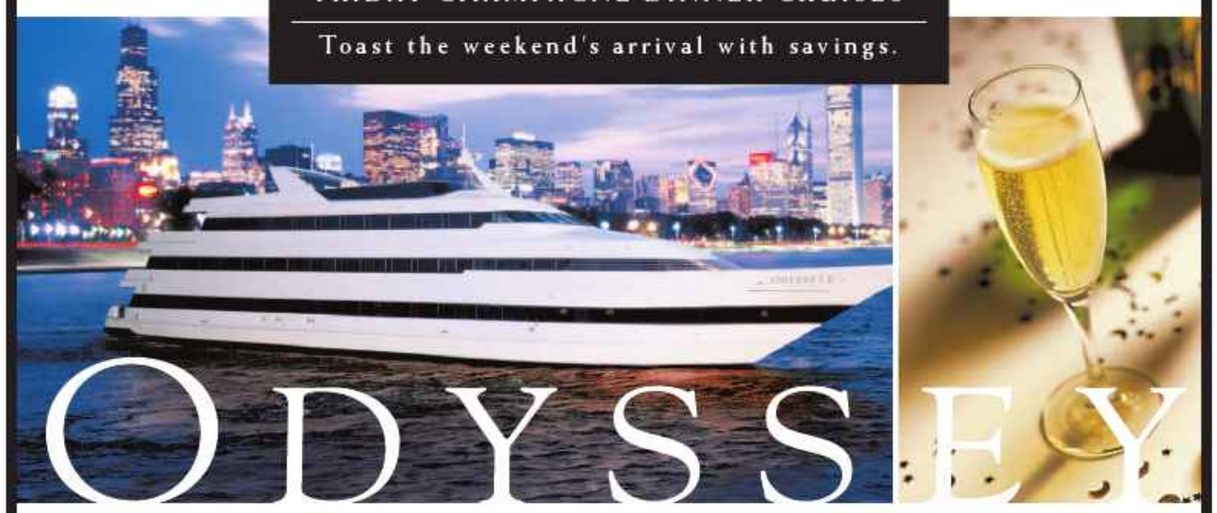

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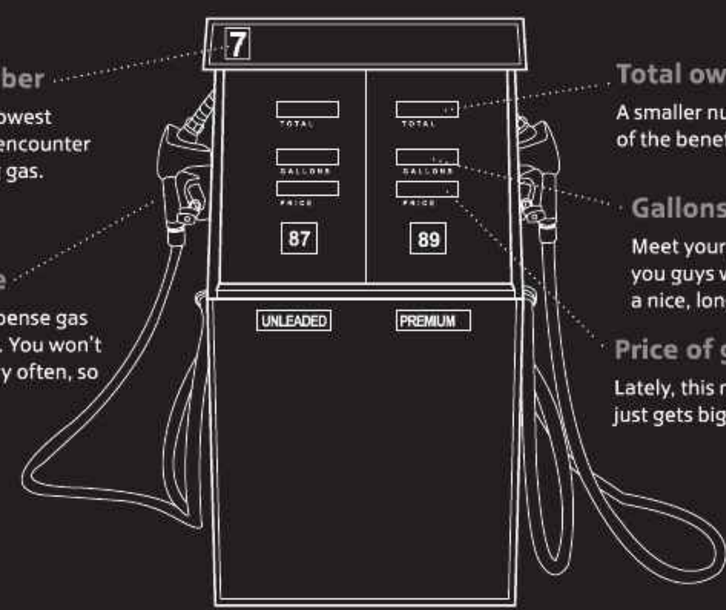

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The text big thing

Cell phones could help mobilize Obama voters

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Associated Press

When Barack Obama announces his choice for vice president, the real payoff may come during the next few months—one text message at a time.

Obama's campaign plans to break the news of the Democratic candidate's vice presidential pick to people who have signed up to receive e-mails and text messages from the campaign. It should give Obama's team access to tens of thousands of cell phone numbers that could be used to mobilize voters younger than 30 on Election Day.

"What Obama is creating is this army of individuals, these grass-roots activists, who are out there trying to change the world in 160 characters or less," said David All, a Republican strategist who specializes in technology.

Obama's electronic outreach is the most prominent example of a larger movement by members of Congress and political campaigns to connect with voters through text messaging on cell phones, MySpace, Facebook and Twitter.

Obama's campaign has used the Internet to boost fundraising, building upon Howard Dean's Web strategy in 2004, but the campaign's use of text messaging has the potential to mobilize voters in a new way.

On the Web, Obama's Twitter site now has more than 60,000 followers, who receive updates from Obama's town hall meetings and links to his Web site.

Nick Shapiro, an Obama spokesman, declined to release the number of cell phone numbers and e-mail addresses the campaign has amassed. He said text messaging has been "valuable because not everyone sits in front of a computer or a television."

Republican John McCain's campaign, meanwhile, has not highlighted text messages, concentrating on more traditional e-mail messages to supporters, outreach to bloggers, Web-based advertising and YouTube videos. McCain's recent "Celeb" ad, which compared Obama to Britney Spears and Paris Hilton, has received about 2 million hits on YouTube.

Brian Rogers, a McCain spokesman, said the campaign's Web strategy was aimed "at getting votes on Election Day and communicating the messages that we feel are important to our supporters."

CONGRESS A-TWITTER

In Congress, some Republicans turned to Twitter in their protest of the Democrats' energy policies on the House floor. When the House recessed in August, microphones on the floor were turned off, the TV feeds to C-SPAN ceased and the lights dimmed, but the BlackBerrys worked.

Rep. Pete Hoekstra (R-Mich.) said using Twitter during the protest "really opened up my eyes" to the site's potential—the number of people following his postings grew from 10 to nearly 500 by the end of the day. AP

GOOD DAY/BAD DAY

The dinner time edition

GOOD DINNER

A Canadian couple finally claimed a free dinner owed to them since 1993. Poor health kept them from redeeming a free-meal card that arrived to them via a balloon promotion over a decade ago, but on Tuesday night, they got their due in the form of a pork chop meal at Nicky's Restaurant.

BAD DINNER

A Connecticut jury has convicted a man dubbed the "dinnertime bandit," due to his habit of robbing rich homes during evening hours as residents ate dinner. Authorities estimate that Alan Golder, 53, accumulated $1 million worth of goods during his supper-time robberies in the towns of Greenwich and Darien. AP

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Knowing the rules of the road may help keep your car from being towed

By Tracy Swartz | REDEYE

It's hard for Pamela Cairns of Bucktown to choose her worst towing memory. Cairns said she's been towed four times since she moved to Chicago from Michigan two years ago. On top of that, she's earned a pile of parking tickets.

Four months ago, Cairns' car was towed by the city because of unpaid parking tickets that stemmed from out-of-date, out-of-state license plates, she said. She went to the auto pound to claim her car, but officials there wouldn't release her car because of the expired registration. Cairns said she protested that she couldn't get new registration until her car passed the city's car emissions test, which couldn't happen unless her car was released. "It was a catch-22," said Cairns, 25.

Her car stayed in the city's auto lot for two days until she paid her tickets and persuaded officials to set her car free, she said.

In a separate incident, Cairns said her car was towed from a private lot in Chicago because she left it there for more than 24 hours. But Cairns said she didn't see a sign a stating which towing company had her car, so she called the parking structure's office and searched the parking lot's name on the Internet. Cairns said she finally found the towing company's name through the Web search and claimed her car two days later.

Now, she's considering getting rid of her car. "It's just becoming a money pit," she said.

Cairns isn't alone in forking over her paycheck to the city. The city earned $27.2 million in towing revenue last year from towing and storage fees and the disposal of unclaimed vehicles, said Matt Smith, spokesman for the Department of Streets and Sanitation.

But like Cairns, many drivers of these towed cars don't know the rules of the road. RedEye has your need-to-know towing guide.

How can I tell if my car was towed privately or by the city?

There are two main towing processes for parking violations in Chicago: city towing and towing from private property.

The city tows cars in violation of posted signs on city streets, abandoned vehicles, cars blocking traffic and cars illegally parked at a metered space for more than 24 hours, according to city municipal code.

The city's Department of Streets and Sanitation oversees city towing. United Road Towing tows vehicles citywide through a contract with the city. The city also owns and operates trucks that pick up vehicles at O'Hare and in the Central Business District, the area bounded by North Avenue to the north, Ashland Avenue to the west, Cermak Road to the south and Lake Michigan to the east.

Meanwhile, the Illinois Commerce Commission oversees towing from private property in Chicago and Cook County, among other counties. The commission licenses towing companies to relocate illegally parked vehicles from private lots, such as grocery stores and apartment complexes.

The commission has licensed seven towing companies to operate in Chicago, said Brian Sterling, spokesman for the Illinois Commerce Commission. The towing companies have contracts with the private property owners about the removal of vehicles from their lots.

What if I confront the truck driver as he's towing my vehicle?

Under city towing rules, once the vehicle is raised from the location it was parked, the vehicle has to go to the auto pound.

At private lots, it is illegal for a towing company to tow a vehicle if the owner is at the scene before it is towed off the property. But the owner must remove the vehicle from the lot immediately, under state law.

How do I know where my car has been taken?

If your car has been towed by the city, call 311 or check the city's Web site, **cityofchicago.org**, to find the car's location. The city has eight auto pounds. Many of the pounds are open 24 hours a day.

If the car has been towed privately, there should be a sign on the property that says the towing company's name, address and phone number, the car's relocation site, towing fees and hours of operation.

How do I get my car back?

If the car is towed by the city, the car must be up-to-date with registration, license plates and city stickers. Drivers need to show photo ID, driver's license and proof of ownership.

All charges and fines, including boot fees, must be paid before the car is released.

City towing costs $150 for passenger vehicles and $250 for heavy trucks and other large vehicles. Storage costs $10 per day for the first five days, then $35 per day every day after that for passenger vehicles. Heavy vehicles are stored for $60 per day for the first five days then $100 per day every day afterward.

If the vehicle isn't claimed within 21 days, the car may be disposed of or auctioned. Drivers can ask for a 15-day extension.

For private tows, companies may ask for identification before releasing the vehicle. Drivers also must pay towing and any storage fees, typically about $125 to tow the vehicle and $25 per day to store it. Companies are not allowed under state law to charge storage fees if the driver claims the vehicle and pays towing fees within 24 hours of the tow.

After drivers claim and pay for the car, the towing company is required to give them a copy of the towing invoice, which notes the payment and instructs drivers if they want to appeal the tow to the commerce commission. "Every single complaint we get will be investigated," Sterling said. TSWARTZ@TRIBUNE.COM

Chicago's tow-down

Missing your car? Here are the locations of the city's auto pounds. There are 8 auto pounds, but two of the locations each have two auto lots.

1. 10000 Bessie Coleman Drive
2. 5555 W. Grand Ave.
3. 701 N. Sacramento Ave.
4. 400 E. Wacker Drive
5. 650 W. 83rd St.
6. 103rd Street and Doty Avenue

A City of Chicago tow truck arrives at the 400 E. Wacker Drive auto pound.
CHASE AGNELLO-DEAN/REDEYE PHOTO ILLUSTRATION

Fighting the towing companies

"[Reviewing the rules] brings action pretty quickly because they know they are in the wrong."

RICK GOLDSCHMIDT
Oak Lawn resident

After his car was towed this past spring, Rick Goldschmidt of Oak Lawn went tow-to-tow with the towing company—and won.

Goldschmidt said he parked his car in a private lot on the North Side to attend a friend's art show. He said he didn't see the towing company's sign in the lot. When he returned, he thought his car had been stolen.

Rendered Services of Bridgeport had towed Goldschmidt's car. He paid $170 to get it back, then had his lawyer send the towing company a letter.

"They didn't even follow the state law where the signs have to be posted at a certain height. They were posted way high, not even where I parked my car at," said Goldschmidt, 43. The company refunded Goldschmidt's money.

Brian Sterling, spokesman for the Illinois Commerce Commission, which regulates towing from private lots in Cook County, said people who are towed from a private lot in the city should get an invoice when they claim their car, with directions on how to file a complaint with the commission. Sterling said the commission investigates every private towing complaint and makes a ruling. Of the 1,022 complaints the commission received in 2007, 32 refunds were ordered, Sterling said.

Refunds are issued if the towing company does not have signs with the proper information, including name and phone number, and if the signs aren't at least 24 inches tall and 36 inches wide and posted between 4 and 8 feet from the ground, among other illegal practices.

To protest a tow by the city, drivers can request a hearing when they claim their car or they can go to the nearest auto pound within 15 days of redeeming their car and request a hearing then.

Goldschmidt recommends reviewing the towing rules to contest the validity of the tow.

"That brings action pretty quickly because they know they are in the wrong," he said.

TRACY SWARTZ, REDEYE

By the numbers

The number of vehicles that were towed in the Chicagoland area decreased last year from 2006, according to statistics provided by the city Department of Streets and Sanitation and the Illinois Commerce Commission. T.S.

145,551
The number of vehicles the city towed in 2007
147,157: The number in 2006

$27.2M
The amount of towing revenue the city earned in 2007
$25.5 million: The amount in 2006

488
The number of comments and complaints the city received about towing in 2007
466: The number in 2006

19.7%
Percentage of city towing hearings that ruled that vehicle owners were not liable for the tow in 2007
19.4%: Percentage in 2006

97,773
The number of vehicles privately towed in 2007 in Kane, Cook, Will, Winnebago, DuPage Counties
105,819: The number in 2006

3.1%
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Crash probe raises issues

State's attorney's office to re-open 2006 case

Chicago Tribune

Erica Barrera was speeding down the street when she suddenly veered right and slammed head-on into a light pole, cutting the car in half and killing herself and three of the passengers.

Chicago police dismissed the crash as a single-car accident and faulted Barrera, who was legally intoxicated.

But a Tribune investigation raises questions about whether the February 2006 crash was an accident or in fact a gang-related quadruple homicide. The weapon may have been an SUV, a vehicle that some Hispanic gangs use to deliberately ram and kill rivals driving through their turf.

THE MYSTERY
The stories of the survivors and a witness are contradictory and add to the confusion about how Erica Barrera ended up hitting the light pole. The crash occurred at about 3:30 a.m., leaving few witnesses for police to interview.

The Cook County state's attorney's office has opened an investigation into the crash after the Tribune began to ask questions about it earlier this month.

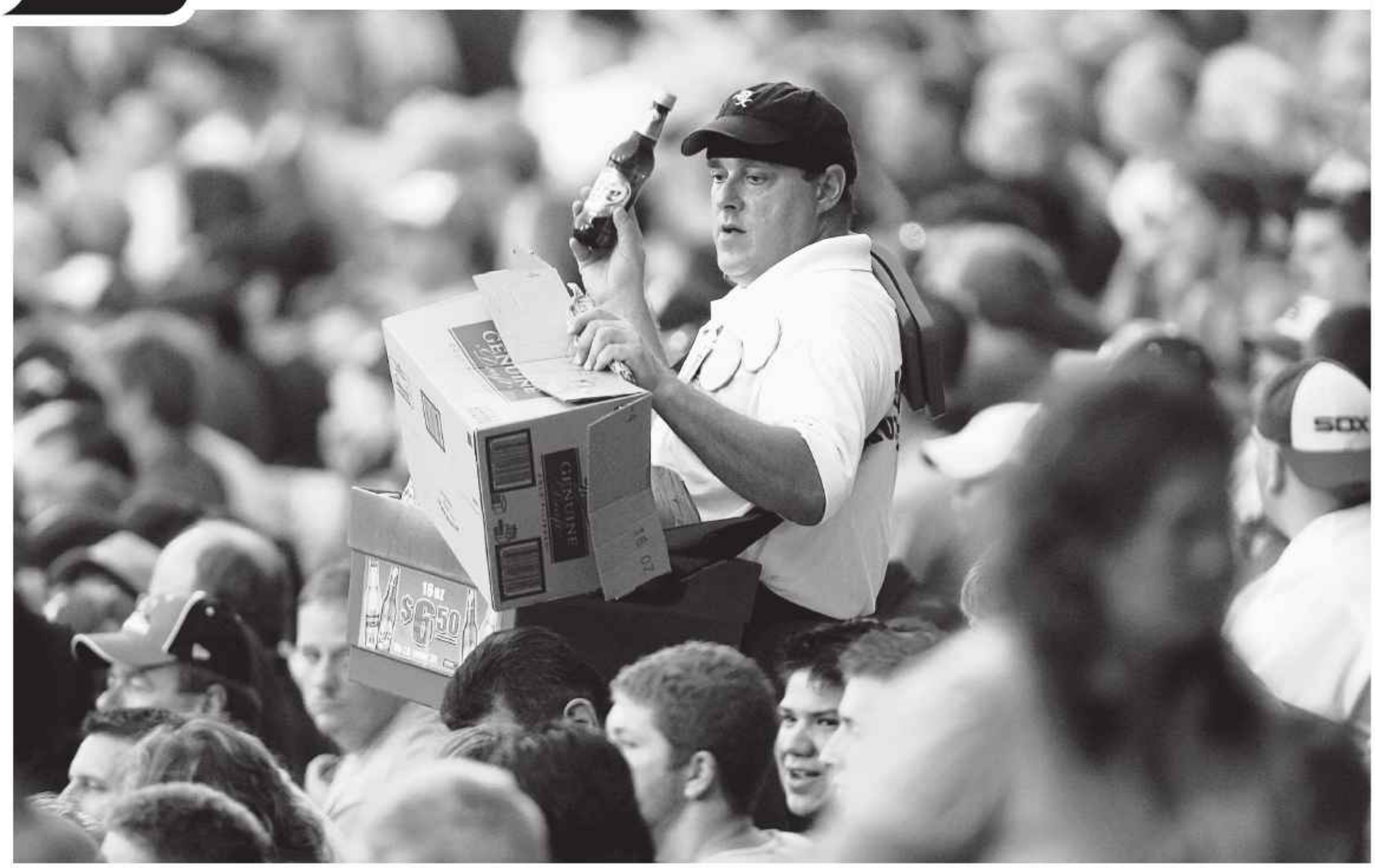
Law enforcement records show that a federal informant had secretly recorded a gang member as he confessed to purposely chasing and ramming Barrera's car into the pole. In addition, a witness who was driving near the scene now says that moments before the crash, two cars sped by him, not just one as he originally told police. And Chicago police noted at the time that an SUV was seen fleeing from the crash site.

The recorded confession came only three days after Barrera crashed a rented Chevrolet Malibu on Kedzie Avenue near 51st Street with such force that one passenger was thrown more than 60 feet.

Federal authorities waited a year and a half before bringing the confession to the attention of local prosecutors, but no investigation was opened then.

Authorities also kept the confession secret from the families of the dead as well as the four survivors of the crash because it was part of a covert investigation. Barrera's father, Ray, was incensed when he recently learned of the confession from the Tribune.

"How come this was never revealed?" asked Barrera, 57. "I mean all the hardship that's been put on everybody. ... This is two years now and they've kept this away from everyone."



A beer vendor walks in the stands during a White Sox game this week at U.S. Cellular Field. A new study of 16 unnamed pro sports stadiums found that people who appeared drunk were still able to buy beer from vendors with little trouble. NUCCIO DINUZZO/TRIBUNE

Drunk? Yeah, so?

At sports events, it's easy to get served even if you've had too much

Chicago Tribune

The stadiums and arenas of Chicago have seen untold amounts of alcohol-fueled mayhem, from obscene yelling to bare-knuckle brawls. But according to a study released Wednesday, sports venues could be bringing some of this chaos on themselves.

The University of Minnesota School of Public Health sent actors who could convincingly mimic drunkenness to 16 unnamed professional sports stadiums around the country, and about three times out of four they could still buy beer at concession booths.

It was even worse in the stands, where roaming vendors sold to the actors nine times out of 10. Researcher Traci Toomey said the dismal results could be due to lax oversight, the frenetic pace of serving large crowds and a culture that has placed far more emphasis on keeping alcohol from minors than cutting off the intoxicated.

"I think a lot of servers and [liquor] license holders know there might be consequences from serving underage people," she said. "I don't know they feel that there are consequences to [selling to] an obviously intoxicated person."

INSIDE THE STUDY
Minnesota researchers have been studying alcohol service for more than a decade, examining sales to minors and to the intoxicated in bars, restaurants, liquor stores and community festivals. They became interested in sports stadiums a few years ago, researcher Traci Toomey said, when the misbehavior of hammered fans started hitting the newspapers.

Some local stadium operators were skeptical of the findings, saying their security teams crack down on drunken fans while plainclothes staffers monitor beer vendors.

But even they conceded the challenge of keeping alcohol from those who have already had too much.

"We still know someone can act sober enough during that minute or two that they're buying a beer," said Tim LeFevour, general manager of Soldier Field.

As with prior experiments, the school hired youthful-looking people over 21 to pose as minors, along with actors who could convince a panel of hospitality industry veterans with feigned drunkenness.

That included stumbling, slurring their words, repeating questions, fumbling with their money and copying "the overall slumpy look that people get" after boozing, Toomey said.

Once in the field, the actors even sprayed themselves with alcohol to smell like they'd been drinking, then tried to buy beer at baseball, football, basketball and hockey stadiums in five states. They succeeded more often than not, even when the vendor obviously noticed their wobbly state.

The phony minors were much less likely to be served. Only about 1 in 8 succeeded at the concession booth, along with about 1 in 3 in the stands.

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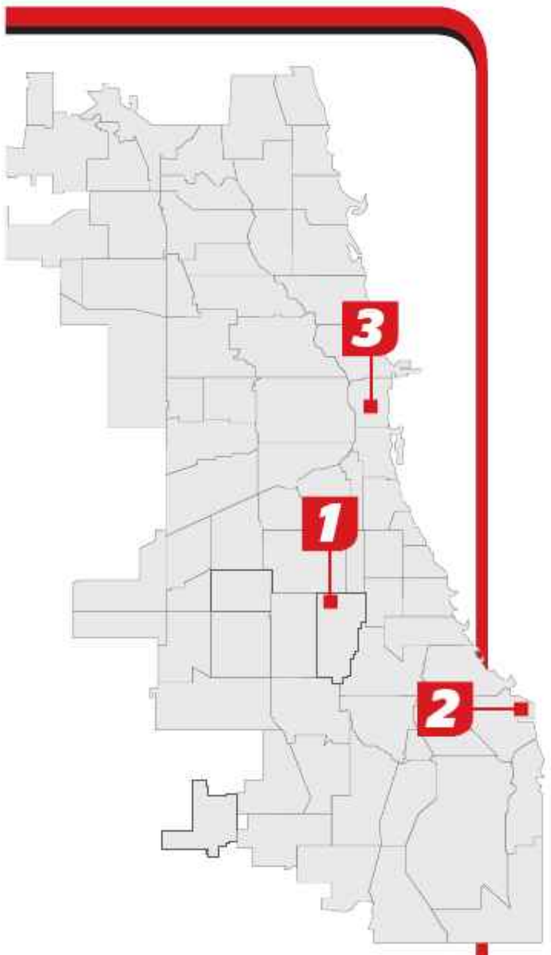

1 Drug market bust
An open-air drug market in the Englewood area that authorities believe had ties to the Gangster Disciples was shut down, Chicago police said Wednesday. Police conducted 19 undercover crack cocaine buys during a six-month sting that monitored drug sales in a block of West 56th Street between South Elizabeth Street and South Racine Avenue, police said in a news release.

2 1 slain, 1 wounded
One man was killed and a companion wounded in a shooting on Chicago's Southeast Side. Dominique Conyers, 19, of the 7900 block of South Shore Drive, was shot in the back and taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital, where he was pronounced dead, officials said. A male survivor was shot in the foot and taken to South Shore Hospital, Chicago Police Officer John Henry said.

3 Sentencing delayed
Telling a federal judge they need more time to prepare for what promises to be a contentious sentencing hearing, lawyers for convicted political fundraiser Antoin "Tony" Rezko have won a delay of more than a month. Rezko, a former top adviser to Gov. Blagojevich, was convicted in June of mail and wire fraud, aiding and abetting bribery and money laundering. He is in the Metropolitan Correctional Center in downtown Chicago, having chosen to begin serving time behind bars immediately.

Police patrol the streets of Uptown. Recent crime problems, including gang battles, have left some in the area unsettled. E. JASON WAMBSGAMS/TRIBUNE

Violence threatens progress in Uptown

Updating Uptown was no easy feat. It took a generation of house-to-house rehabs, a fight to save affordable housing, and exacting police work that for years steadily knocked down crime in the diverse North Side neighborhood.

Then came daylight shootings this summer that unsettled Uptown and widened gaps within the community. Frustrated residents worry they have taken two steps forward and one step back in efforts to improve the quality of life while trying to hold onto its quilt of ethnicities.

Battles for gang leadership in the lakefront neighborhood have upset that delicate balance, officials said, fueling an already uneasy political standoff that mainly pits poor renters against professionals and homeowners. At stake, many fear, is the future of Chicago's most diverse neighborhood.

"How do you build a community of people who come from different places and react to the same experiences differently?" Ald. Helen Shiller (46th) said. "The danger we face is not building one community."

But residents said the violence has strained the neighborhood. "I feel like I'm in a volcano, and the volcano is about to erupt," Uptown activist Katharine Boyda said.

There have been nine shootings in the neighborhood this year, slightly more than in recent years, police said, including gang crossfire on May 21 that killed Francis Oduro, 22, an exchange student from Ghana. The fatal shootout happened on Broadway in front of a busy shoe store.

The uptick coincides with a broader trend in city crime that saw a 2 percent increase in violence in the first seven months of 2008 compared to the same period last year, an 18 percent jump in homicides and a 6 percent increase in robberies.

This month, elected officials brainstormed with police on ways to prevent violence, from boosting cooperation with police to funneling volunteers into programs for at-risk youths.

VERY DIVERSE
Uptown packs Chicago's densest concentration of social services amid 63,000 people in a footprint of barely 1.5 square miles. At Senn High School, students speak 65 languages.

O'Hare gaffe exposes lapse in jet security

The Transportation Security Administration suffered embarrassment Wednesday over an inspector who climbed carelessly around the outside of nine American Eagle planes parked overnight at O'Hare.

But just hours later, the agency struck back, saying the government employee portrayed as a bumbling Barney Fife was able to expose security lapses by entering seven of the jets.

The investigator gained access to the unattended Embraer jets during random inspections that are conducted every day at U.S. airports to verify compliance with security regulations and uncover potential security risks, agency officials said.

But American Airlines, which is the parent company of American Eagle, said it followed all security procedures.

"Security doesn't necessarily mean that the airplane door is locked," said American spokesman Tim Wagner. "We have security procedures, which I am not going to describe in any detail, that we perform with every aircraft overnight before the plane departs the next day."

Blue Line closings this weekend

Blue Line service between the Jefferson Park and Irving Park Stations will be shut down this weekend as work to improve slow zones on the O'Hare-bound rail line continues.

CTA officials said the closing will begin at 9 p.m. Friday and last until 3 a.m. Monday. Bus shuttles will run between the Jefferson Park, Montrose and Irving Park Stations in lieu of the train service.

The Montrose and Irving Park Stations do not have elevators, so riders going southeast who need an elevator to access the train should take the shuttle bus to the accessible Logan Square Station, CTA officials said.

CTA recommends riders going northwest who need an elevator should exit at Logan Square and take the shuttle bus to Jefferson Park.

In July, Blue Line service between the Rosemont Station and O'Hare was interrupted to work on the slow zone.

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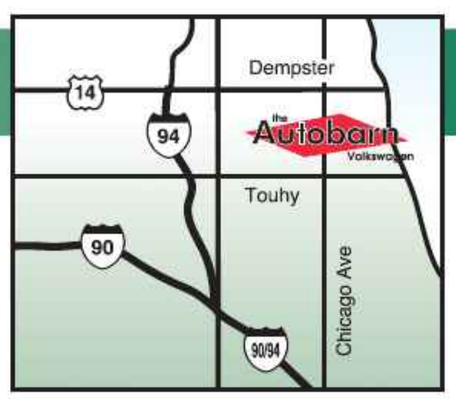

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1 Typhoon's big blow
A girl swims Wednesday along flooded streets in Malabon, Philippines, after a typhoon battered the area. Officials say that in addition to flooding, landslides are a distinct possibility.

2 No, Mr. Glitter
British glam rocker Gary Glitter, who served nearly three years in a Vietnamese prison for molesting children, was denied entry to Hong Kong after refusing to return to England, officials said Wednesday.

3 Deadly battle
A top Russian general said Wednesday that 64 of the country's soldiers were killed in this month's fighting with Georgia and 323 were wounded.

4 Major Fay floods
Hundreds of central and northern Florida homes flooded Wednesday as Tropical Storm Fay drenched the state for a third consecutive day, and forecasters warned the waters could worsen because the storm had stubbornly stalled.

5 11 life terms
A man convicted of causing a deadly commuter rail crash in 2005 that he blamed on an attempt to commit suicide was sentenced Wednesday to 11 consecutive life terms by a judge in L.A. who denounced him as a remorseless killer.

6 Congresswoman dies
Democratic U.S. Rep. Stephanie Tubbs Jones, the first black woman to represent Ohio in Congress and a strong critic of the Iraq war, died Wednesday after a brain hemorrhage, according to a hospital in East Cleveland, Ohio.

7 All in the family
Police in Greenfield, Wis., say a woman celebrated her birthday by helping her teenage son rob two gas stations. Officers say the 37-year-old woman acted as the getaway driver while her 17-year-old son robbed the stations at gunpoint.

A plane takes off near where a Spanair jet crashed on takeoff Wednesday at the Madrid airport. AP PHOTO

149 killed in crash

8 **MADRID** A Spanish airliner bound for the Canary Islands at the height of the vacation season crashed, burned and broke into pieces Wednesday while trying to take off from Madrid, killing 149 people on board, officials said.

There were only 26 survivors in the mid-afternoon crash, said Spanish Development Minister Magdalena Alvarez, whose department is in charge of civil aviation. It was Spain's deadliest air disaster in more than 20 years.

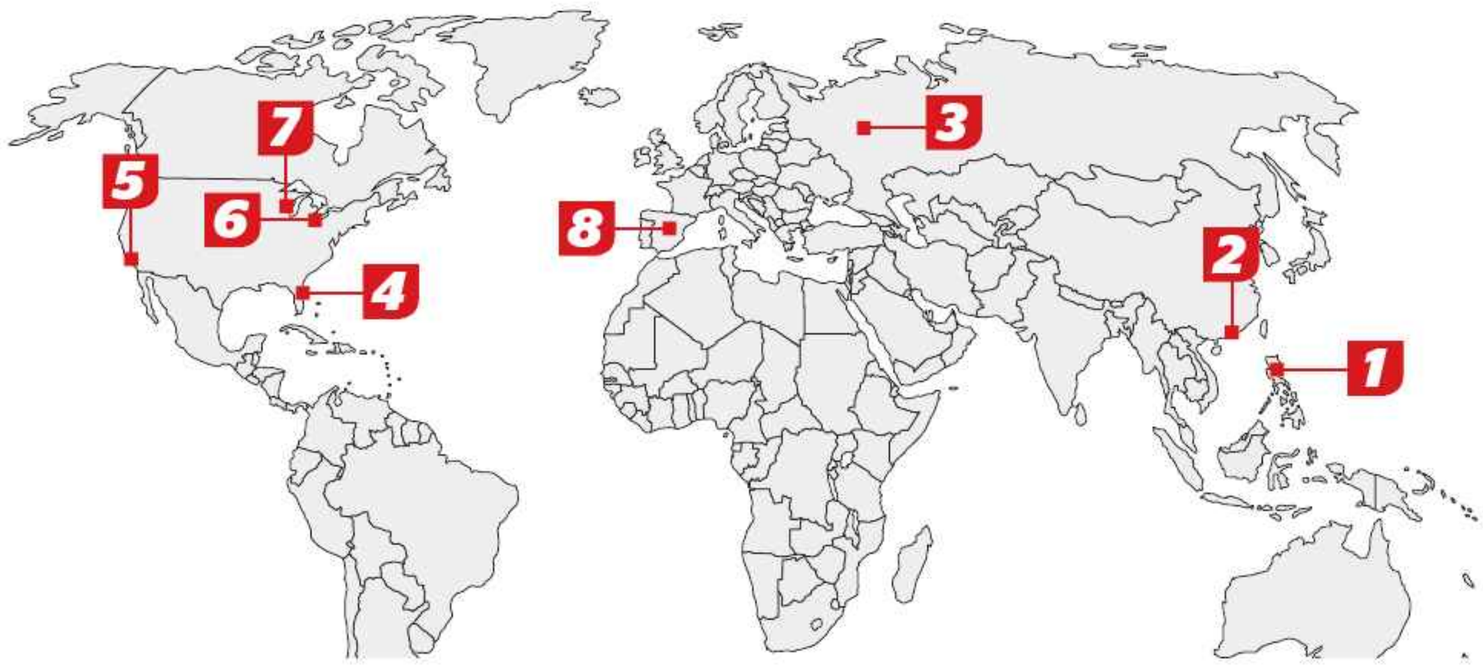
A police officer said the shattered wreckage bore no resemblance to a plane.

Dozens of ambulances rushed to the site as columns of smoke billowed from the wreckage. The prime minister broke off his vacation in southern Spain and rushed back to Madrid, heading straight for the airport.

"I have never seen anything like this in my life," ambulance driver Luis Ferreras, who viewed the crash site, was quoted as saying by El Pais.

Spanair Flight JK5022—bound for Las Palmas during the height of Europe's summer vacation season—was just barely airborne when it veered right, crashed and broke into pieces, reports said.

El Pais said the plane left an hour late because of technical problems. It eventually managed to get slightly off the ground but crashed near the end of the runway.



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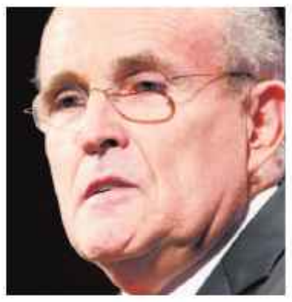
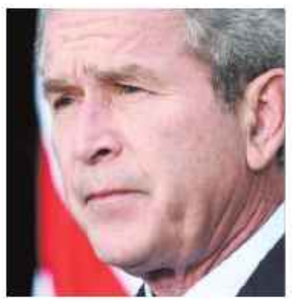


Former New York Mayor **Rudy Giuliani** will give the keynote address at the Republican National Convention next month and Democrat-turned-independent Sen. Joe Lieberman also will take center stage at the GOP gathering. Here's a look at some of the other big talkers:



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>> **Arnold Schwarzenegger**
>> Mike Huckabee
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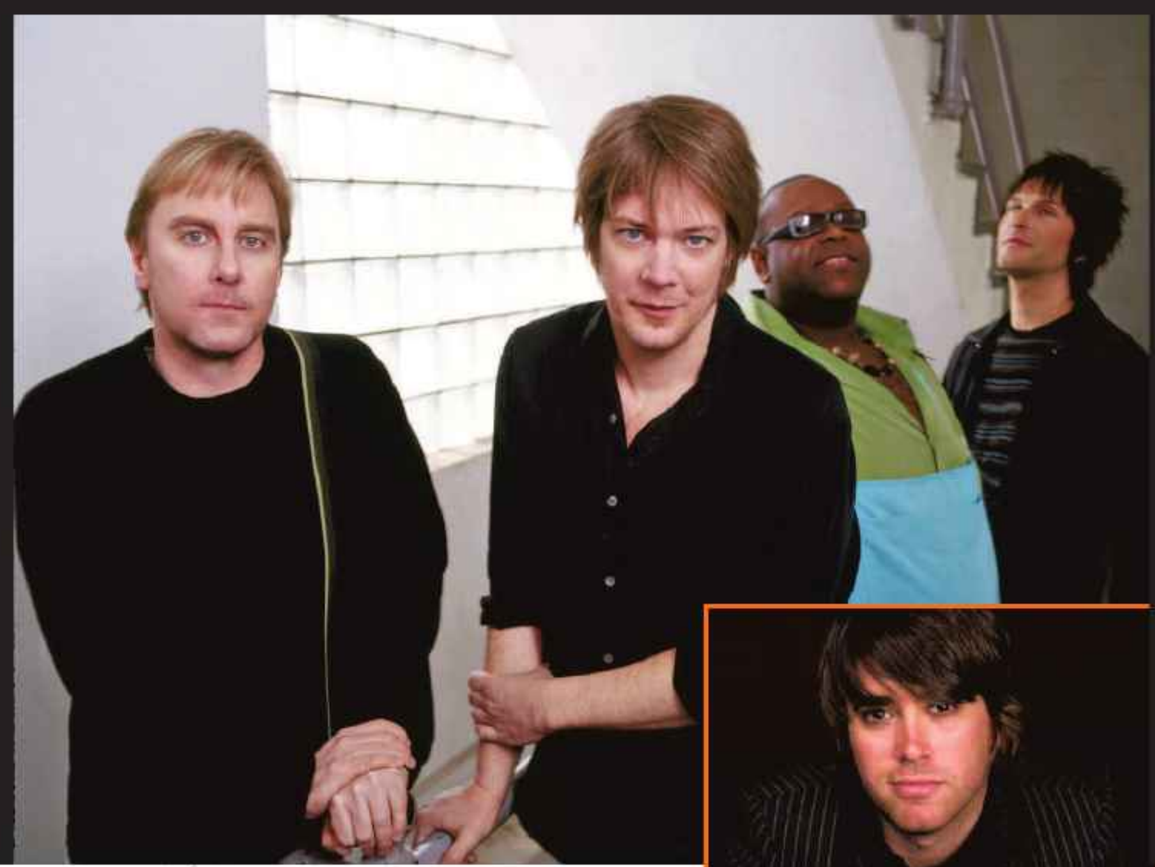

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MEDAL STAND

Total medals through late Wednesday (Chicago time)
1. U.S. 83
2. China 81
3. Russia 46

Gold medals through late Wednesday
1. China 45
2. U.S. 27
3. Great Britain 16

AMERICAN PIE

A breakdown of the medals won by the U.S. Olympic team

MEDAL HEADS

Kerri Walsh, Misty May-Treanor
The U.S. women's beach volleyball team have won their second consecutive gold medal, playing through a steady rain to beat Wang Jie and Tian Jia of China 21-18, 21-18.

Shawn Crawford, Walter Dix
Churandy Martina of Netherlands Antilles and Wallace Spearmon of the U.S. finished second and third in the 200 meters final before being disqualified for stepping on the line. That handed defending champion Crawford the silver and Dix the bronze.

Sheena Tosta Johnson
Took silver behind Jamaican Melanie Walker in the women's 400-meter hurdles.

BEST OF TV

Thursday's schedule
7-10 p.m. —NBC — Men's 110-meter hurdles final takes place—without defending champion Liu Xiang. Also finals for men's 400 meters and triple jump, and women's 200 meters and javelin throw.
10-11 p.m. —NBC—Men's beach volleyball gold-medal match (live). TRIBUNE

TV RATINGS

The Olympics dominated prime-time viewership numbers compiled by Nielsen Media Research for Aug. 11-17.
1. "Olympics-Tuesday," NBC, 34.01 million viewers
2. "Olympics-Saturday," NBC, 31.59 million viewers
3. "Olympics-Monday," NBC, 30.17 million viewers
4. "Olympics-Thursday," NBC, 29.71 million viewers
5. "Olympics-Wednesday," NBC, 27.66 million viewers

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The Chicagolympian

Bag Boy gives new meaning to medal 'round'

THE MISSION: Columnist Bag Boy sweats through several track and field events to show how the everyman compares to the world-class athletes competing in Beijing. In Friday's edition he tackles shot put, discus and javelin. See video of Bag Boy's "Olympics" at **redeyechicago.com/bagboy**.

By Bag Boy
FOR REDEYE

Well, I'm no Usain Bolt. I'm no Carl Lewis or Michael Johnson, either, but I am a patriot.

So when called on by RedEye to compete in some track and field events, representing Average Joes everywhere, I shrugged and responded with my usual enthusiasm. "Why not?"

Here's why not. I'm no spring chicken, I'm not in great shape, and my muscles are wound tighter than something that's wound really tight. In fact, my back still hurts.

But I'm a team player—and I'm nothing if not average—so I stepped it up.

Five events over two days: the 100 meters, 400 meters, javelin, discus and shot put.

Now would be a good time for this disclaimer: I ran track and cross country in high school. In retrospect I feel I would have been better off getting involved with theater.

But they don't give letters in theater.

As for this Olympic drama, what athletic skills I did learn (or what's left of them) didn't apply to this exercise. Unfortunately, I was more of a distance runner. Most track and field guys in my school were football players who had huge, stocky bodies.

My body's more like Mick Jagger's—after the power cleanse.

I will say this, though. This whole experience was an eye opener. I have newfound respect for Olympians of all sizes and shapes. These people have dedicated their lives to making themselves into amazing machines.

I, on the other hand, have dedicated my life to merely watching these people.

400 METERS

World record time: 43.18 seconds by Michael Johnson
Bag Boy's time: 1 minute, 42 seconds

I knew the 400 meters would be the tough one, so I tackled this race first. I believe, in my heart, that I should be given some sort of medal for not throwing up.

I could be wrong about this—it was hard to see out of the Bag—but I think a woman passed me on the third turn, heading into the final 100 meters. That made me re-evaluate my status as a man, and as a human being.

Let me just say I only finished about a minute off the world record time. Hey, if I eat bananas and work harder at it, I'm right there. Seriously, my hat's off to anyone who can even finish this race, let alone medal in it.

100 METERS

World record time: 9.69 seconds by Usain Bolt
Bag Boy's time: 18.05 seconds

For the 100, I thought it necessary to get a quick start off the blocks. However I made the mistake of standing straight up after the gun went off. Why would anyone do this? I'm not sure, but I'm going to go ahead and blame the Bag again. If I had been quicker out of my stance, I might have been in the ballpark of qualifying for the Olympic team.

One thing's for sure, I'm switching to Diet Coke. That should help.

Jamaica's Usain Bolt on Wednesday celebrates his gold-medal run.
GETTY IMAGES

Bolt blazes to 200m title

Associated Press

BEIJING Move over, Michael. Make way for Usain.

The Beijing Olympics will no longer be remembered only for what Michael Phelps did in the pool. Usain Bolt made sure of it on the track Wednesday night.

Already the champion at 100 meters, Bolt whizzed through the 200, too, making him the first winner of both Olympic sprints since Carl Lewis in 1984.

Yet Bolt one-upped Lewis, Jesse Owens and the other guys who've pulled off the 100-200 double. The long, lanky, joyous Jamaican also set a world record in both races, and that's never been done at an Olympics. Bolt on Wednesday nipped two-hundredths off Michael Johnson's 19.32 mark in the 200 meters set at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics

"I blew my mind," said Bolt, "and I blew the world's mind."

So now it's time for a new debate, sports fans. Which is more impressive: Phelps' eight gold medals and seven world records or Bolt leaving no doubt that he's the fastest man in the world, the fastest man ever? MCT CONTRIBUTED.

OLYMPIC HITS

Track: Aksana Miankova of Belarus set an Olympic record in winning the women's hammer throw. Bernard Lagat advanced to the 5,000-meter final, moving on to Saturday night's medal race.

Men's basketball: Kobe Bryant scored 25 points in his best game in Beijing, and the men's U.S. Olympic team advanced to the semifinals by beating Australia 116-85 on Wednesday night. The U.S. will play defending champion Argentina or Greece on Friday night for a spot in Sunday's gold medal game.

Softball: The U.S. came as close to defeat as they have in a long time. Not that it mattered in the end. The Americans were in a scoreless tie with Japan after seven innings, then scored four runs in the ninth—three on a loooong homer by Crystl Bustos—for a 4-1 victory and a spot in the gold-medal game.

Men's water polo: The U.S. squad knows who it will be playing in the semifinals: Serbia.

Tae kwon do: Rohullah Nikpai won Afghanistan's first Olympic medal ever, a bronze. AP

Look out, Tracy Swartz must have had an extra sip of pun(ch). Read her "Word on the Street" blog at **redeyechicago.com/word**. Apply to appear here at **redeyechicago.com/fiveonfive**.

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1 Hatch a scheme to get Rex Grossman his job back.	Start Kyle Orton; Grossman will have his job back by Week 3.	First, he can play dumb. Hey, quick learner!	Pull a Tonya Harding. Rex knows how to fall hard, though not really from grace.	OK, but it involves growing a neckbeard.	Intercept Kyle Orton on his way to work. That's one skill Rex knows well.
2 Baseball is discussing replay. What play this season should have been reviewed?	How about the "play" of the Seattle Mariners?	"Mamma Mia!"	A-Rod and (allegedly) Madonna. The Cooler and The Cougar. ManoFlaws and MenoPaws.	That Texas player who batted a home-run ball off the fence. Web Gem of the year.	When that minor-league manager stuck his shoe in the ump's face. That's a deduction.
3 How can the White Sox shake the Twins?	They can't.	They can't. Both teams will go to the playoffs, Red Sox won't.	Pamela Anderson would know the best way to shake the Twins.	Only with a soundtrack by the Ying Yang Twins.	Shake the twins? Am I going to have to call DCFS?
4 Table tennis wants to attract fans by having female players show more "curves." Your thoughts?	Make beer pong an Olympic sport.	Semi-nude table tennis? Will they also be drinking Coors Light and watching "Brady Bunch" re-runs?	Yeah, I definitely want to see more of Forrest Frump.	Have them paddle each other and Showtime will agree to pick up TV rights.	Sorry, table tennis, but the damage done by "Balls of Fury" is irreversible.
5 Amanda Beard denies dating Michael Phelps. With whom would you set him up and why?	Someone more in his league, like Nastia Liukin.	Either Tracy Gold or Roger Waters.	Only a Beard would try to cover that up. Pick me! I'm against Spitz.	Someone with similar interests. What's Shamu up to these days?	The Most Interesting Man in the World, who's a better beard than Amanda any day.

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HOMETOWN HITS

REDS 2, CUBS 1

Bronson Arroyo allowed three hits and a run in seven strong innings Wednesday night, and the Cincinnati Reds cooled off the Cubs with a 2-1 victory. Arroyo (11-10) tied a career high by issuing five walks, struck out four and was backed by two double plays in a duel with Cubs starter Ted Lilly, who held the Reds hitless the first five innings. The loss was only the fifth in the last 22 games for the NL Central-leading Cubs.

>> Jim Hendry probably won't have as busy an off-season as he has had in recent years, with no obvious holes to fill and only four key free agents in Ryan Dempster, Kerry Wood, Bob Howry and Jim Edmonds. Hendry's primary task may be to get an extension for manager Lou Piniella, who is poised to become the first Cubs manager to take his team to the postseason in back-to-back years since Frank Chance did it in 1906, '07 and '08.

>> Pearl Jam's Eddie Vedder, in town for a pair of solo shows at the Auditorium on Thursday and Sunday, was a clubhouse visitor before Wednesday night's game.

Bears first-round pick Chris Williams spoke publicly for the first time since undergoing back surgery Aug. 6 to repair a herniated disc. The procedure is expected to sideline Williams for at least 10 weeks. "[But] I'd like to play at least half the season," the left tackle out of Vanderbilt told **chicagobears.com**.

>> Former NFL star Troy Aikman, who will call Thursday's Bears-49ers game on Fox, offered his thoughts on the Bears' quarterback situation: "I don't think the question is so much whether [Kyle] Orton is the right choice for the Bears as much as how much does [Rex] Grossman not being the guy set the organization back," he said in network news release. "They expended ... a lot with the assumption that he was the future."

Up next
at L.A.
Thursday: 9 p.m., ESPN2

The White Sox's Ken Griffey Jr. hits an RBI single against the Mariners on Wednesday in Chicago. AP

WHITE SOX 15, MARINERS 3

Homer, sweet homer

Hitting home runs became such an old routine for the White Sox that they came up with new ways to celebrate them during Wednesday's 15-3 victory over Seattle.

After finally tying Sammy Sosa for fifth place on the all-time home run list with 609, Ken Griffey Jr. received the silent treatment from his teammates after reaching the dugout.

"They tried," Griffey quipped after snapping a 46 at-bat drought without a home run with a two-run shot off R.A. Dickey in the second inning. "I'm a veteran. As soon as the first guy didn't get up ... you saw me take off into the tunnel? They weren't expecting that.

"Veteran move."

The Sox's giddiness continued after Nick Swisher hit a solo shot to cap a four-homer attack and extend their winning streak to five games.

"We have such a great clubhouse, and we play practical jokes on everyone," Swisher said after hitting the Sox's 188th homer of the season and their 14th in their last four games. "It just happened to be my turn. But I kept my routine and did the phantom one [jumping against an imaginary teammate]."

The outburst enabled the Sox to maintain their one-game lead over Minnesota in the American League Central.

SOX HITS

White Sox center fielder DeWayne Wise left Wednesday's game against the Seattle Mariners after straining a muscle near his groin.

>> This marked the 10th time this season the Sox have hit four or more home runs in a game.

AT THE BUZZER

Instant replay on the way?

Baseball umpires and management signed an agreement Wednesday that will allow the sport to start using instant replay to help determine calls on the field. Major League Baseball still hasn't determined when the use of replays will start. Installation of equipment has been going on at ballparks, and officials have said they hoped to start using replay in August.

Seattle keeps team's banners

The championship banners and trophies from the SuperSonics' best days will be staying in Seattle. The city of Seattle and Clay Bennett's ownership group have divvied up the artifacts of the team's past, with the details outlined in a settlement obtained Wednesday by The Associated Press.

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ASSUMED NAMES

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an assumed name in the conduct or transaction of business in this State" as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County, File No. D08114081 on the 21 day of July, 2008, under the assumed name of Mardeez Biiggg Embroidery -N- Thingz, with place of business located at 8300 S. 86th Ave., Apt 101, Justice, IL 60458. The true name and address of owner is Marrietta Battle, 8300 S. 86th Ave., Apt 101, Justice, IL 60458.

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LEGAL NOTICES

CITY OF EVANSTON
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by the City's Purchasing and Contracts Manager in Room 4200 of the Civic Center located at 2100 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, Illinois 60201, until 2:00 P.M. local time Tuesday, September 9, 2008 and will be publicly read thereafter in Room 2404. Bids shall cover the following:

36" Skokie Feeder
Main Repair

Bid Number: 09-37

The above item shall conform to the Request for Bids on file in the Office of the Purchasing and Contracts Manager. The bid document, including all necessary plans and specifications, will be available in the Office of the Purchasing and Contracts Manager on Thursday, August 21, 2008.

The City of Evanston (the City) in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois, hereby notifies all proposers/bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that the contract(s) entered into pursuant to this Notice will be awarded to the successful proposer/bidders without discrimination on the ground of race, color, religion, sex, age, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, familial status or national origin, The City of Evanston reserves the right to reject any or all submittals or to accept the submittal(s) deemed most advantageous to the City.

The Evanston City Council also reserves the right to award the contract to an Evanston firm if that firm's bid is within 5% of the low bid.

Each respondent shall be required to submit with their bid a disclosure of ownership interest statement form in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance 15?O?78. Failure to submit such information will result in the disqualification of such bid.

Jewell Jackson
Purchasing and
Contracts Manager

Tomato ketchup is a good conditioner for the hair. It also helps get the greenish tinge that some blonde haired people get after swimming in water with chlorine in it.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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Right Hand Steer Jeeps

Bid Number: (09-43)

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC

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OF COOK COUNTY
NOTICE OF LANDLORD
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The Housing Authority of Cook County is hosting Landlord informational sessions for all landlords currently participating in the Section 8/ Housing Choice Voucher Program. Meetings for the South Suburban Cook County Landlords are scheduled for: Thursday, August 28, 2008 at 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM at The First Presbyterian Church of Chicago Heights located at 900 Thomas Street, Chicago Heights, IL 60411.

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Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that on Friday, September 5, 2008, at 9:00 A.M., in the offices of the Illinois Finance Authority (the "Authority"), at 427 East Monroe Street, Suite 202, Springfield, Illinois, 62201, a public hearing will be held regarding a plan of finance to issue not to exceed $185,000,000 aggregate principal amount of Revenue Bonds, Series 2008 (The University of Chicago Medical Center) of the Authority, in one or more series (the "Bonds"). The proceeds of the Bonds will be loaned to The University of Chicago Medical Center, an Illinois not for profit corporation (the "Borrower"), to be used, together with certain other funds, in (i) refinancing a taxable loan, the proceeds of which were used to refund the outstanding portion of the $55,400,000 Illinois Health Facilities Authority Adjustable Rate Revenue Bonds, Series 1994C (The University of Chicago Hospitals Project) (the "Series 1994C Bonds"); (ii) refinancing a taxable loan, the proceeds of which were used to refund the outstanding portion of the $119,500,000 Illinois Health Facilities Authority Variable Rate Demand Revenue Bonds, Series 1998 (The University of Chicago Hospitals and Health System) (the "Series 1998 Bonds" and, together with the Series 1994C Bonds, the "Prior Bonds"); (iii) funding one or more debt service reserve funds, if deemed necessary or advisable by the Authority or the Borrower; and (iv) paying certain expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of the Bonds.

The proceeds of the Series 1998 Bonds were used to (i) refund (a) the $51,925,000 Illinois Health Facilities Authority Revenue Bonds, Series 1994A (The University of Chicago Hospitals Project), (b) the $27,900,000 Illinois Health Facilities Authority Revenue Bonds, Series 1994B-1 (The University of Chicago Hospitals Project) (ARNs) and (c) the $27,900,000 Illinois Health Facilities Authority Revenue Bonds, Series 1994B-2 (The University of Chicago Hospitals Project) (YCNs) (collectively, the "Series 1994A/B Bonds") and (ii) pay certain expenses incurred in connection therewith.

The proceeds of the Series 1994A/B Bonds and the Series 1994C Bonds (collectively, the "Series 1994 Bonds") were used to (i) pay or reimburse the Borrower for the cost of the acquisition, construction, remodeling, renovating and equipping of its health care facilities, (ii) refund the Illinois Health Facilities Authority's Adjustable Rate Revenue Bonds, Series 1989 (The University of Chicago Hospitals Projects) (the "Series 1989 Bonds"), the proceeds of which were used to pay or reimburse the Borrower for the costs of acquiring, renovating, remodeling, constructing and equipping certain of its health care facilities, (iii) pay a portion of the interest accruing on the Series 1994 Bonds and (iv) pay certain expenses incurred in connection therewith.

The initial owner, operator or manager of the facilities being financed or refinanced with the proceeds of the Bonds is the Borrower. The facilities to be financed or refinanced with the proceeds of the Bonds are located at the following addresses or locations: land owned by the University of Chicago and leased by the Borrower bounded by 57th Street, Cottage Grove Avenue, 59th Street and Ellis Avenue, land on Blackstone Avenue between 60th Street and 61st Street, 850 East 58th Street, 5634 1/2 South Maryland Avenue, 5628 South Maryland Avenue, 5758 South Maryland Avenue, 5815 South Maryland Avenue, 5839 South Maryland Avenue, 5840 South Maryland Avenue, 5841 South Maryland Avenue, 5721 South Maryland Avenue and 5730 South Drexel Avenue, all in Chicago, Illinois.

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The above notice of public hearing is required by Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. At the time and place set for the public hearing, residents, taxpayers and other interested persons will be given the opportunity to express their views for or against the proposed plan of financing. Written comments may also be submitted to the General Counsel of the Authority at the Authority's office located at 180 North Stetson Avenue, Suite 2555, Chicago, Illinois 60601 until September 4, 2008.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA"), if any person with a disability as defined by the ADA needs special accommodations to participate in the public hearing, then not later than September 4, 2008, he or she should contact the Authority at (312) 651-1300.

NOTICE DATED: August 21, 2008

ILLINOIS FINANCE AUTHORITY
By /s/ Christopher Meister
General Counsel,
Illinois Finance Authority

Notice of Public Hearing

On September 5, 2008, at 9:00 a.m., in the offices of the Illinois Finance Authority (the "Authority") at 427 East Monroe St., Suite 202, Springfield, Illinois 62701, a public hearing will be held before the General Counsel of the Authority (or his designee) regarding a plan to issue not to exceed $180,000,000 aggregate principal amount of Illinois Finance Authority Revenue Bonds (Advocate Health Care Network) of the Authority in one or more series (the "Bonds"). The proceeds of the Bonds will be loaned to Advocate Health and Hospitals Corporation, an Illinois not for profit corporation (the "Corporation"), to provide the Corporation with all or a portion of the funds necessary to (i) finance, refinance or reimburse the Corporation and Advocate Condell Medical Center, an Illinois not for profit corporation and an affiliate of the Corporation ("Advocate Condell"), for all or a portion of the costs of the acquisition, construction, improvement, renovation and equipping of certain health care and related office facilities of Advocate Condell described below (the "Project"), including an acute care hospital facility located in Libertyville, Illinois and currently known as "Condell Medical Center" (the "Medical Center"), (ii) refinance certain taxable indebtedness (the "Prior Debt") which may be incurred prior to the issuance of the Bonds to finance costs of the acquisition, construction, improvement, renovation and equipping of the Project, if deemed necessary or desirable by the Corporation, (iii) provide one or more debt service reserve funds for the benefit of all or a portion of the Bonds, if deemed necessary or desirable by the Corporation, (iv) pay a portion of the interest to accrue on the Bonds, if deemed necessary or desirable by the Corporation, (v) pay certain working capital expenditures, if deemed necessary or desirable by the Corporation, and (vi) pay certain expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of the Bonds.

The proceeds of the Bonds will be used, and the proceeds of Prior Debt may be used, to finance, refinance or reimburse the Corporation and Advocate Condell for the costs of acquiring, constructing, improving or renovating the facilities (including related land improvement costs) listed below and the costs of acquiring and installing equipment (including, but not limited to, medical equipment, computer equipment, office equipment and general building equipment and fixtures) used or to be used at the facilities listed below. The Project includes, but is not limited to, the acquisition, construction, improvement, renovation and equipping of the Medical Center and the acquisition, construction and equipping a new patient care tower at the Medical Center.

Advocate Condell, the Corporation or Advocate Health Care Network will be the initial owner, operator or manager of the Medical Center and the components of the Project related to the Medical Center, including the facilities related to the Medical Center which may be financed or refinanced with the proceeds of the Prior Debt incurred prior to the issuance of the Bonds.

A general functional description of the facilities referred to in the preceding paragraph, the location of such facilities and the estimated maximum aggregate principal amount of Bonds to be issued with respect to such facilities are listed below:

Condell Medical Center, a 283-licensed bed tertiary care hospital and the related land, parking garages, office buildings, clinics, warehouses and other buildings located on the hospital campus, bordered generally by Milwaukee Avenue to the east, Garfield Avenue to the west, Austin Avenue/Rockland Road/Park Avenue to the north and Golf Road to the south, at various addresses including, but not limited to, 716, 755 and 801 South Milwaukee Avenue, 700, 880 and 890 South Garfield Avenue, and 200 West Golf Road, all in Libertyville, Illinois — not to exceed $180,000,000.

Additionally, certain other off-campus land, health care and related office facilities (including related land improvements) and equipment included in the Project or financed with a portion of the Prior Debt (including, but not limited to, medical equipment, computer equipment, office equipment and general building equipment and fixtures) are or will be located at (1) the following addresses in Gurnee, Illinois: 1405 North Hunt Club Road – $5,000,000; 1425 North Hunt Club Road – $5,000,000; 1435 North Hunt Club Road – $5,000,000 and 6440 Grand Avenue – $5,000,000; (2) the following address in Buffalo Grove, Illinois: 150 Half Day Road – $1,000,000; (3) the following address in Round Lake Beach, Illinois: 2 East Rollins Road – $1,000,000; (4) the following address in Vernon Hills, Illinois: 6 Phillip Road – $1,000,000; (5) the following address in Lake Bluff, Illinois: 28835 North Herky Drive – $1,000,000; (6) the following address in Grayslake, Illinois: 1170 East Belvidere Road – $1,000,000; (7) the following address in Lake Villa, Illinois: 50 South Milwaukee Avenue – $5,000,000; (8) the following address in Mundelein, Illinois: 550/560 Midlothian Road – $5,000,000; (9) the following addresses in Libertyville, Illinois: 111 and 121 West Church Street and 345 North Milwaukee – $2,000,000; (10) the following address in Round Lake, Illinois: 23640 West Illinois Route 120 – $2,000,000; and (11) the following address in Antioch, Illinois: 0 Victoria Lane – $2,000,000.

The Bonds will not be a debt of the Authority, the State of Illinois or any political subdivision thereof within the meaning of any provision of the Constitution or statutes of the State of Illinois or a pledge of the faith and credit of the Authority, the State of Illinois or any political subdivision thereof, or grant to the owners thereof any right to have the Authority or the General Assembly of the State of Illinois levy any taxes or appropriate any funds for the payment of the principal thereof or the interest thereon, but will be special, limited obligations of the Authority payable solely from repayments of the loan made by the Corporation. The Authority has no taxing power.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA"), if any person with a disability (as defined by the ADA) needs special accommodations to participate in the public hearing, he or she should contact the Authority at (312) 651-1300 not later than September 4, 2008.

The above notice of public hearing is required by Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. At the public hearing, residents, taxpayers and other interested persons will have the opportunity to express their views for or against the Project and the Bonds. Written comments may also be submitted to the Authority at its office located at 180 North Stetson Ave., Suite 2555, Chicago, Illinois 60601-6701, until September 4, 2008.

Dated:
August 21, 2008.

/s/ Christopher B. Meister
General Counsel, Illinois Finance Authority

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday, September 5, 2008, at 9:00 a.m., in the Springfield office of the Illinois Finance Authority (the "Authority"), at 427 East Monroe Street, Suite 202, Springfield, Illinois 62201, a public hearing will be held before the General Counsel of the Authority (or his designee) regarding a plan for the Authority to issue not to exceed $7,400,000 aggregate principal amount of Adjustable Rate Demand Revenue Bonds, Beverly Arts Center of Chicago, Series 2008, in one or more series, of the Authority (the "Bonds"). The proceeds of the Bonds will be loaned to Beverly Arts Center of Chicago, an Illinois not for profit corporation (the "Corporation"), for the purpose of (a) refunding, advance refunding or providing for the payment of all or a portion of the outstanding principal amount of the Illinois Educational Facilities Authority Adjustable Rate Demand Revenue Bonds, Beverly Arts Center of Chicago, Series 2003 (the "Series 2003 Bonds"), (b) financing, refinancing or reimbursing the Corporation for the costs of acquiring, constructing, renovating, improving, furnishing and equipping certain of its cultural facilities, including, but not limited to, the construction of a new courtyard pavilion building and expansion of the current Training Theater space, (c) paying certain working capital expenditures, if deemed desirable by the Corporation, (d) providing a debt service reserve fund for the benefit of all or a portion of the Bonds, if deemed necessary or desirable by the Corporation, (e) paying a portion of the interest to accrue on the Bonds, if deemed necessary or desirable by the Corporation, (f) paying certain expenses, if deemed necessary or desirable by the Corporation, incurred in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, including costs of credit or liquidity enhancement, if any, and the refunding, advance refunding or provision for payment of the Series 2003 Bonds, and (g) paying certain costs of termination of an interest rate swap agreement relating to the Series 2003 Bonds, if deemed desirable by the Corporation, all as permitted under the Illinois Finance Authority Act (the "Act").

The proceeds of the Series 2003 Bonds were used to (a) finance, refinance and reimburse the Corporation for all or a portion of the costs of the acquisition, construction, renovation, improvement and equipping of certain of its cultural facilities, including the construction and equipping of a new building to house, among other things, the principal operations of the Corporation, including facilities for instruction in visual arts, music, drama and dance, performance and exhibition space and administrative offices (the "Series 2003 Project"), (b) refinance certain taxable indebtedness incurred by the Corporation to finance, refinance and reimburse itself for certain costs of the Series 2003 Project, (c) finance certain working capital expenditures and (d) pay certain costs relating to the issuance of the Series 2003 Bonds, including the credit enhancement thereof.

The facilities of the Corporation being financed, refinanced or reimbursed from the proceeds of the Bonds are or will be owned or operated by the Corporation and are or will be located on land owned by the Corporation at 2407 W. 111th Street, Chicago, Illinois. Certain of the facilities of the Corporation being financed, refinanced or reimbursed from proceeds of the Bonds were previously located at 2153 W. 111th Street, Chicago, Illinois and 2501 W. 103rd Street Chicago, Illinois. The Corporation relocated its facilities from 2153 W. 111th Street, Chicago, Illinois and 2501 W. 103rd Street, Chicago, Illinois to 2407 W. 111th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

The Bonds will be issued by the Authority pursuant to the Act, a Trust Indenture and a resolution proposed for adoption by the members of the Authority. The Bonds will not be general obligations of the Authority, the State of Illinois or any political subdivision thereof, but will be special, limited obligations of the Authority as the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds will be payable solely from the revenues and income derived from the repayment of the loan by the Corporation (except to the extent payable from Bond proceeds, the income from the temporary investment thereof and moneys derived from and payments made pursuant to the instruments delivered in connection with said loan). The Bonds will not constitute a debt, an indebtedness or an obligation of the Authority, the State of Illinois or any political subdivision thereof or a loan of credit or a pledge of the faith and credit or a charge against the general credit or taxing powers of any of them, within the purview of any constitutional limitation or statutory provision. No owner of the Bonds will have the right to compel any exercise of the taxing power, if any, of the Authority, the State of Illinois or any political subdivision thereof to pay the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on the Bonds. The Authority does not have the power to levy taxes for any purpose whatsoever.

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Notice Dated: August 21, 2008.

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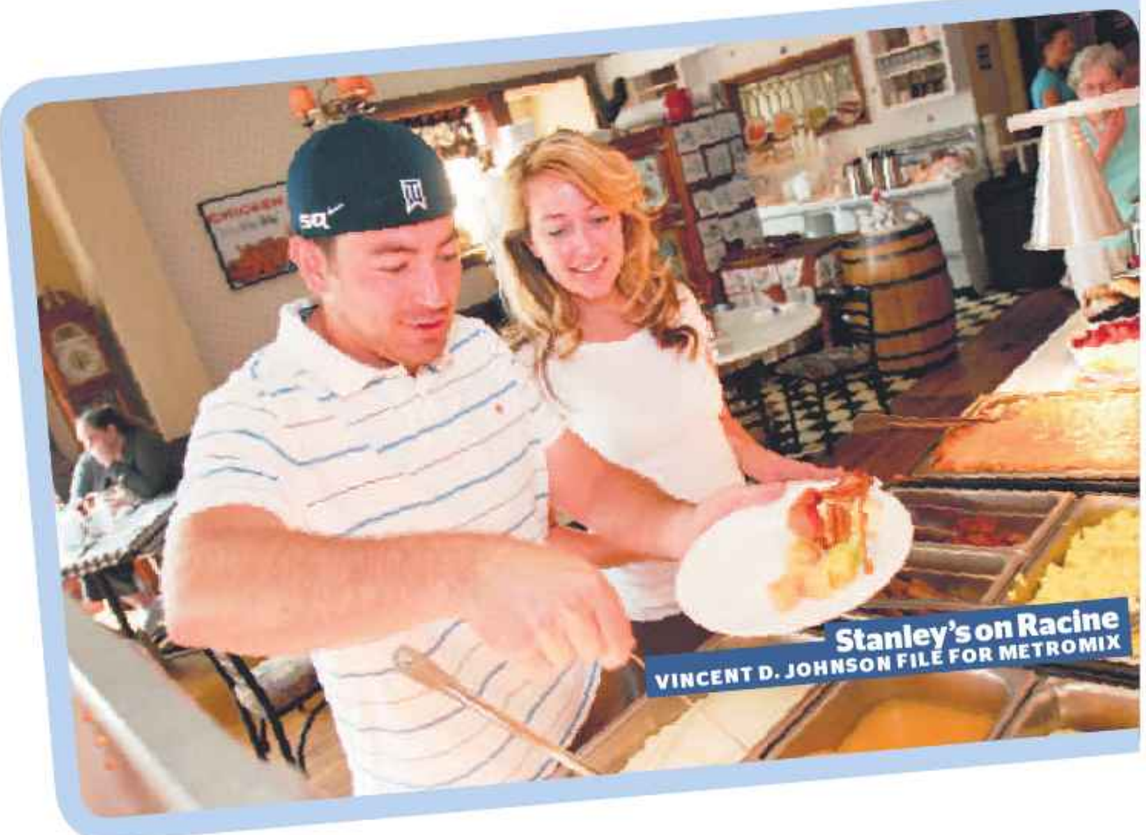
Stanley's on Racine
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By Emily Hiser Lobdell

As you stumble home after an unusually raucous Saturday night out, the realization hits you harder than that last Jager bomb: You have brunch plans, and it's too late to back out now. Don't panic—you can have your breakfast food and your sleep too. Pick one of these spots with later-than-average brunch hours, and you'll never have to choose between a wild Saturday night and a tasty Sunday brunch again.

Blue 13
416 W. ONTARIO ST. 312-787-1400

The scene: Open just a little more than a month, this laid-back River North spot is all tatted up—there's tattoo art on the walls, and often on the servers—and it plays host to a neighborhood crowd and returning dinner guests from the night before. The contemporary American brunch menu has a few quirky surprises, too, including chef Chris Curren's signature Steak and Eggs on Acid ($14) and fresh fruit sushi ($8).

Worth getting out of bed: Pauly's Hangover Burger ($12), a ground steak burger with smoked bacon, a sunnyside up egg, Monterey Jack cheese and chipotle mayo

Brunch hours: Noon-7 p.m. Sunday

Stanley's on Racine
324 S. RACINE AVE. 312-433-0007

The scene: This West Loop sibling to Stanley's in Lincoln Park draws classic car and motorcycle enthusiasts on Sunday afternoons starting at 3 p.m., just as brunch is winding down. Anyone who showcases a classic car in the parking lot gets a free pass at the all-you-can-eat Sunday brunch buffet.

Worth getting out of bed: Brunch buffet ($11.95), loaded with your usual breakfast standbys (bacon, eggs and the lot), plus Stanley's signature comfort food faves such as mac and cheese, fried chicken and mashed potatoes

Brunch hours: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday (menu only); 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday (buffet only)

Black Beetle Bar & Grill
2532 W. CHICAGO AVE. 773-384-0701

The scene: If you can stomach the idea of returning to a bar the morning after a big night out, this Humboldt Park mainstay is a good bet. Snag a seat on the outdoor patio or toss some change in the jukebox and play a round of pool while you wait for your food to arrive.

Worth getting out of bed: Fried-egg sandwich ($4.95)—bacon and cheddar on an English muffin, served with hash browns

Breakfast hours: Noon-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday

Par Lounge
1415 N. MILWAUKEE AVE. 773-252-6410

The scene: A DJ spins house during brunch at this Wicker Park lounge (right), bringing in mostly nightlife industry folks who were too busy working to do much partying the night before. Neighbors and overflow from the always-crowded Bongo Room trickle in too. On the menu: traditional brunch fare and bottomless mimosas and bloody marys ($25 for five hours).

Worth getting out of bed: Salmon BLT sandwich ($8) paired with a side of minty watermelon salad ($3)

Brunch hours: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday

Debonair Social Club
1575 N. MILWAUKEE AVE. 773-227-7990

The scene: Hipsters and Wicker Park fashionistas find a home away from home at this lounge in the Flat Iron Building at the corner of Damen, Milwaukee and North Avenues. The brunch menu changes weekly; look for regular "retro brunch" specials, complete with '80s music and movies, to set the mood.

Worth getting out of bed: Unlimited mimosas plus any entree on the day's brunch menu, all for $20. One popular option: a breakfast pizza with sausage, bacon, green onions, cheese and poached eggs ($10 without unlimited mimosas).

Brunch hours: Noon-6 p.m. Sunday

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Art in Rogers Park

The **Glenwood Avenue Arts Fest** kicks off with Friday performances by honky-tonk band the Hoyle Brothers and fire-arts troupe Pyrotechniq, as well as a fashion show by local designer George Melichar. On Saturday and Sunday, browse nearly 100 artists' booths and catch live music by more than 35 bands and entertainment on three stages, including Taiko drumming, breakdancing and juggling. Through Sunday. Free.

Be the Groove

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Outside-the-box beats

Theatre Building Chicago, 1225 W. Belmont Ave. 773-327-5252

Known for banging on a trash can or two, local performance ensemble Be the Groove has been compared to international touring show "STOMP" more than once. The company breaks out of its routine in a new show, "Embrace the Fire," which introduces video and spoken word into a percussive program that relies more heavily on body and voice than found objects. 8 p.m. Through Aug. 31. $10-20. Tickets: **ticketmaster.com**

Caught on tape

Portage Theater, 4050 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-736-4050

No juries, no judges—just fun. That's the premise of the **Fractured Lens Video Festival**, a DIY event that co-founder John Keller calls "the bottom rung of Chicago film festivals." Watch back-yard combat antics in "Ninja Power Hour," toothbrush-meets-toilet saga "Le Toothbrush" and animated parody "Rich Daley for the Olympics." 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. $5 for one or both screenings.

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Triple whammy

Mary-Arrchie Theatre, 735 W. Sheridan Rd. 773-871-0442

Watch three days of nearly non-stop theater at the **Abbie Hoffman Died For Our Sins Theater Festival**, the 20th annual performance marathon celebrating the anniversary of the 1969 Woodstock Festival. Catch Rush Pearson's frenetic rendition of "Diary of a Madman" and company classics such as interactive talk show "Bitch with Rich" among more than 50 performances. 7 p.m. Through midnight Monday. $10-$25. Tickets: **maryarrchie.com**

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Vampire weekend

Dave & Buster's, 1030 N. Clark St. 847-317-8877

Everyone's favorite vampire-fighting chick, Buffy, and her love interest, Angel, take center stage in **Slay-A-Thon 2008**. Watch 13 consecutive hours of "Angel" episodes, play themed games and bid on autographed items to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Food and drink available for purchase. 11 a.m. Free.

Get sauced

Charlie's on Webster, 1224 W. Webster Ave. 773-871-1440

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D.O.C. WINE BAR
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10 p.m. Thu., Sun.-Tue.: $10 for a glass of wine and a chocolate truffle; Sun.: Blind Tasting Sundays; 505 N. Michigan Ave. 312-321-8738.

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6:30 p.m. Thu.: Wine Engagement. Taste seasonal cuisine and wine pairings during a multicourse summer meal. $150; 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tue.: $30 wine tasting featuring up to 10 wines from around the world. Sommelier Fernando Beteta leads; 800 N. Michigan Ave. Park Hyatt Hotel, 7th floor. 312-335-1234.

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Mon.: Half-price bottles of wine with entree purchase; 6718 Northwest Hwy. 773-594-1155.

SCOOZI!
Mon.: $21 bottles of wine; 410 W. Huron St. 312-943-5900.

SOUTH LOOP WINE CELLAR
6:30 p.m. Fri.: Wine tasting. A weekly sampling of four wines with snacks; 1442 S. Michigan Ave. 312-356-0630.

SOUTH WATER KITCHEN
Sun.: Half-price wine bottles; 225 N. Wabash Ave. 312-236-9300.

STEFANI'S TUSCANY CAFE
Fri.: $4.50 glasses of Kendall Jackson chardonnay; Tue.: $4 glasses of house wine; 77 W. Wacker Drive. 312-252-0863.

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VIET BISTRO
Sun.: Free appetizer with purchase of a bottle of wine; Mon.-Tue.: $20 select bottles of wine; 1346 W. Devon Ave. 773-465-5720.

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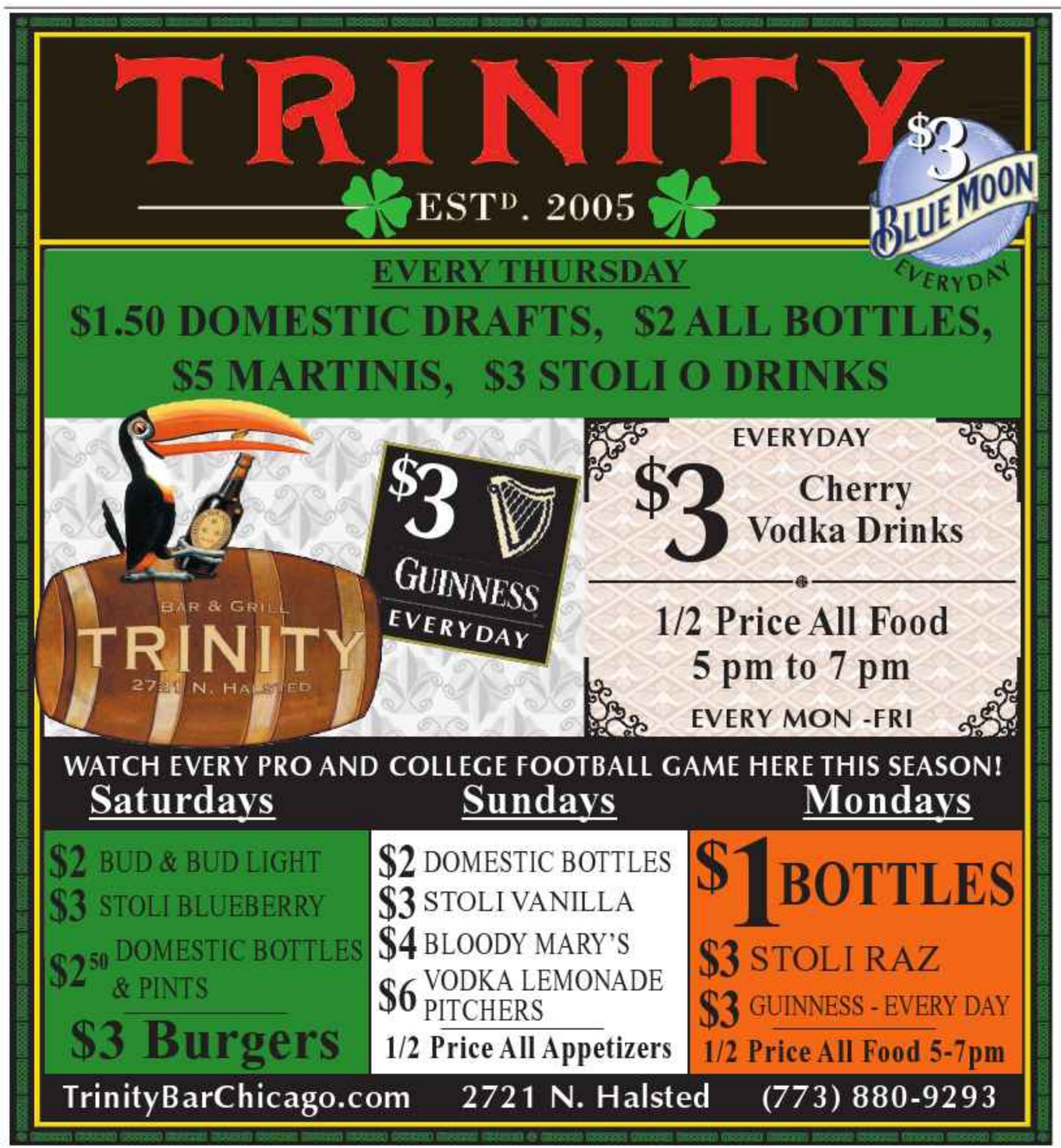

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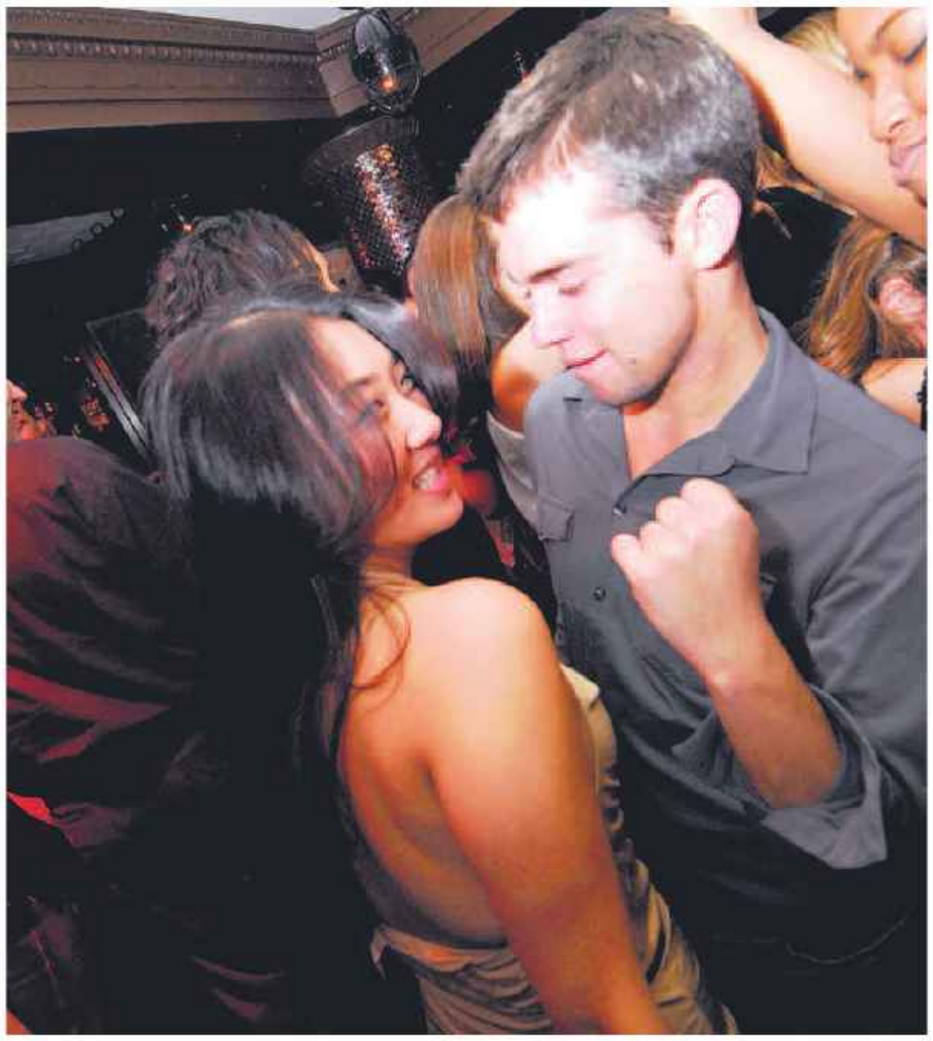

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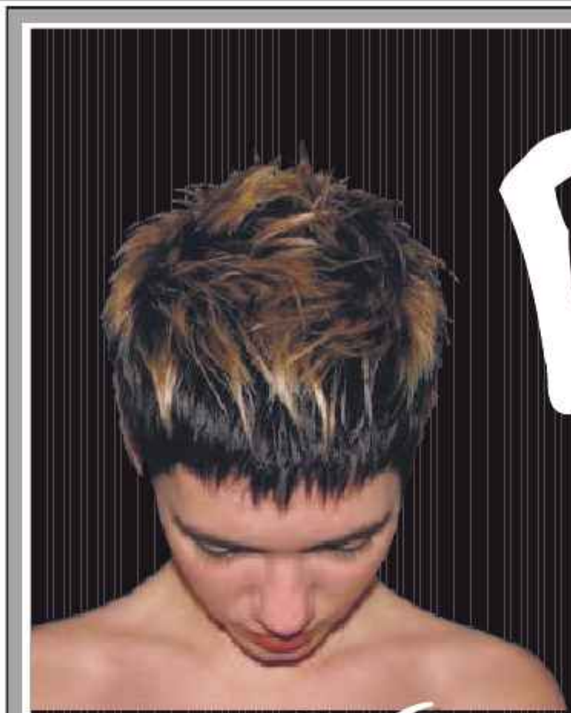

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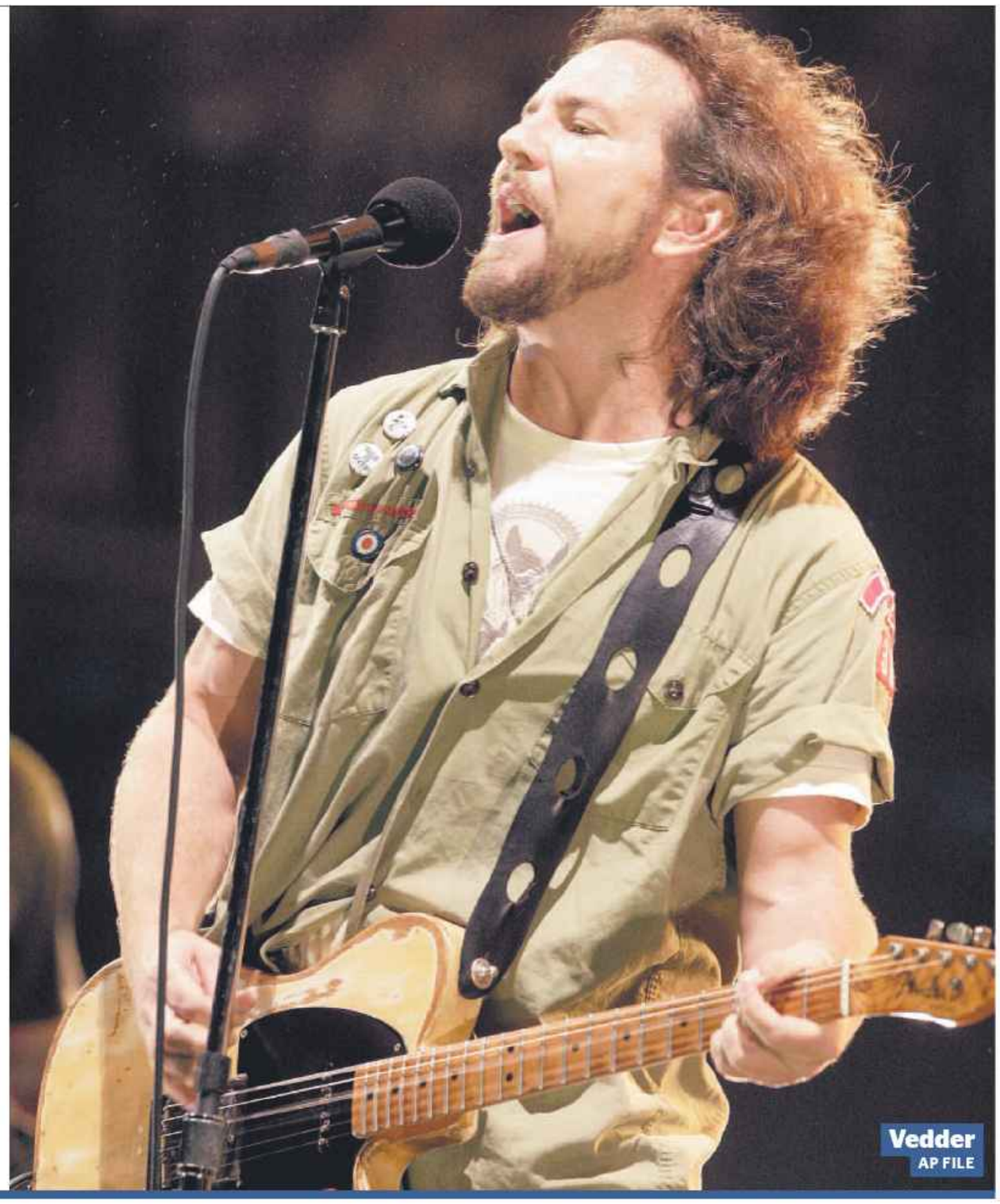

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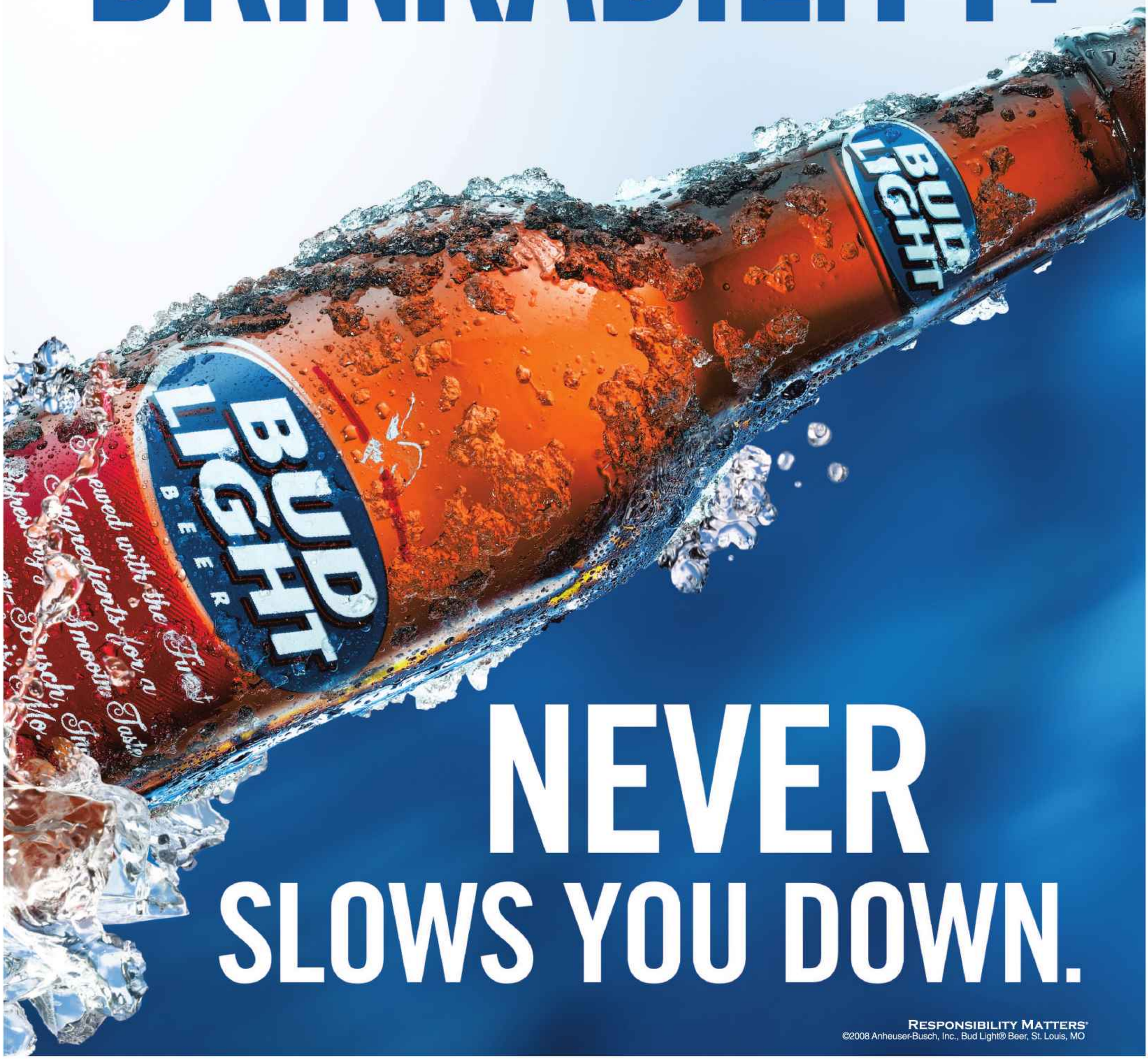

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Beautiful days

Metal band churns out big sound from two members

Something Beautiful

By Michael Schmitt
FOR REDEYE

A gothic heavy-metal band of just two members. A church musician playing secular music.

Something Beautiful appear to be a host of contradictions packed into a two-man performance, but guitarist and vocalist Dale Tippett Jr. says the challenging relationships create something, well, beautiful.

Tippett has been playing guitar for 20 years, and Something Beautiful isn't his first band. When his previous group sunk, he recruited the former band's bassist Justin Smith to play a list of songs Tippett had been hiding from the other uncommitted band members.

He dubbed the new effort Something Beautiful, taken from a label he had scribbled on the side of a cassette. Though Tippett describes the group as "gothic progressive metal," they have an unusual problem: They're a duo, while many of Tippett's songs call for drums, keyboards, strings and other instruments.

To overcome the challenge, Tippett creates some of the extra instrumentals as loops on his computer, the drum and string parts he records himself, then he exports them all to his iPod for playback during live shows.

"It's deceptively difficult," he explains. "We're not playing with live musicians, so when we make a mistake, that messes the whole production up." As a result, their live shows are airtight.

A 15-year church musician veteran, Tippett laughs when he reveals he plays "secular music."

All that church experience means he is no stranger to religion—especially the aspects he feels are unnecessary and incorrect. He uses Something Beautiful as an outlet for not only discussing, but also educating and informing listeners about new additions to the Christian belief he feels require re-examination.

"There's so much going on inside of church politics that is really disturbing ... [for example,] a lot of mainstream churches preach that God wants you to be rich. ... 'Keep your money away from the poor,' Tippett says. "They're doing a lot of harm. ... There's too many people not paying attention to it, they just sit back and take what the establishment says to believe in."

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Lauper back from the 'Brink'

Lauper
AP FILE

The Denver Post

Cyndi Lauper was always an '80s icon, what with her ubiquitous hits and famous visage helping define the decade of new wave and synth pop.

But with a bumping hit single from her latest release, critics can now drop the "'80s" qualifier. Lauper is an icon, period.

Her two-month-old dance-pop album, "Bring Ya to the Brink," is Lauper's return to modern pop music.

"Brink" isn't an epic comeback record. It's as hit-and-miss as Lauper's LPs have always been. But it does feature a couple of head-bobbing singles—including the popular "Into the Night Life" and the inventive "Echo"—that make it a worthwhile purchase and a staple in the clubs for the foreseeable future.

As for her tour set, Lauper will alternate new songs and old ones, including "Time After Time," "Girls Just Want to Have Fun" and "True Colors."

On "Brink," Lauper, 54, wanted to venture from her "little haven" and "rediscover my voice as a poet." Her concept was that beat poetry could go hand in hand with dance music.

So when she was in Sweden working with producers Peer Astrom and Johan Bobeck, she asked them to help change her approach to singing.

"Peer is such a wonderful drummer, so I said, 'Why don't you show me how to sing like a drum?' So that's what 'Echo' became."

She also worked with UK house-music hitmakers Basement Jaxx.

"We started from scratch, and I wasn't sure how it was going to go, and they weren't either," she said. "But we had a lot of fun, and I laughed a lot."

Lauper has explored club music before, especially on 1997's "Sisters of Avalon," but never so extensively. Thus far, she can take "Brink" to the bank. It's already big in Japan, where "Set Your Heart" has been featured in a car commercial.

Her inspirations come from many places. For example, Prince's rain-pelted performance at the 2007 Super Bowl sparked the first verse of her new song "Same Old Story."

"I saw him slipping in the rain, and I saw him give it up to nature and then work with it," she said. "It was like nature's light show. It became otherworldly and extraordinary."

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Cyndi Lauper
When: 8 p.m. Friday
Where: Glamorama '08 at Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State St.

On the download

Chicago Top 10

No.	Song, Artist	LW
1	"I Kissed a Girl" Katy Perry	2
2	"A Millie" Lil Wayne	1
3	"When I Grow Up" Pussycat Dolls	4
4	"Get Like Me" David Banner	5
5	"Disturbia" Rihanna	10
6	"Closer" Ne-Yo	14
7	"Take a Bow" Rihanna	8
8	"Got Money" Lil Wayne w/ T-Pain	6
9	"Forever" Chris Brown	7
10	"Take You Down" Chris Brown	13

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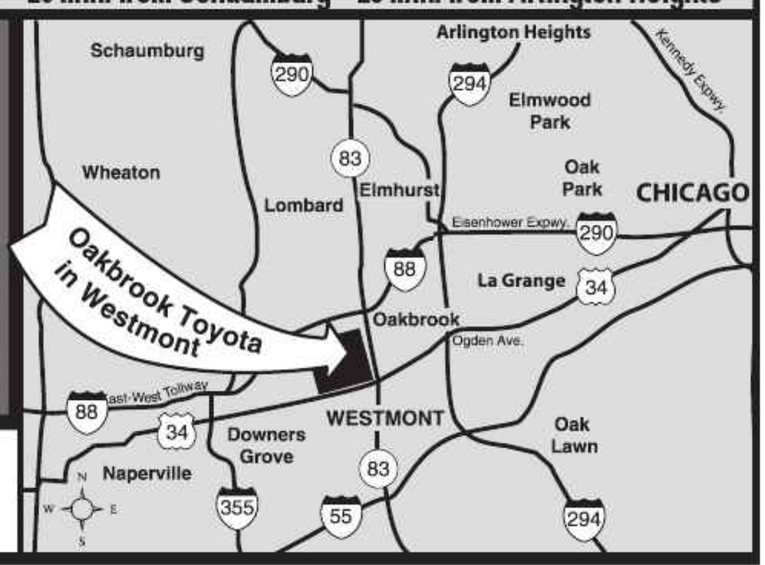

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Electric bikes' popularity soars along with gas prices

Ed Poor, who works at New York-based NYCeWheels, zips around on an eZee Quando II electric bike. AP PHOTO

Charge it

Electric bikes range in price from a couple hundred dollars to several thousand. The types that are available vary. Some models available in the U.S.:

>> New York-based NYCeWheels sells a variety of bikes, including the Rayos, which retails for $1,099. The eight-speed mountain bike uses a lead-acid battery system and is a bit bulkier than some models, but it's relatively inexpensive.

>> EZIP's Mountain Trailz (above), $348 on **amazon.com**. It has a 450-watt motor with a lead-acid battery. It can go up to 22 miles on a charge with a top speed of 18 mph.

>> The Xootr Swift folding electric bike starts at $1,950 with a 250-watt nickel-metal hydride battery, or $2,525 with a 350-watt lithium-ion battery. Many urban commuters prefer folding bikes that fit easily on subways and buses.

>> EZee's Chopper, a compact electric bike that rides low to the ground, features a 350-watt motor and a lithium-ion battery system for $1,800.

>> Ultra Motor's $2,500 A2B (above) has a 500-watt motor powered by lithium-ion batteries. It can go up to 20 miles at 20 mph without pedaling.

>> Another option is to add a motor and battery to a regular bike. EZee offers a do-it-yourself conversion kit for $1,299 that includes a motor, charger, battery, controller, throttle, dash panel and other components necessary to equip your own bike or tricycle. AP

Bert Cebular, who owns electric bike and scooter dealership NYCeWheels in New York, said his sales are up about 50 percent so far this year over last. "Fifty percent of that increase is probably because of gas prices, and the rest is that there's just more bikes out there," he says. AP PHOTO

Associated Press

When Honora Wolfe and her husband moved to the outskirts of Boulder, Colo., she wanted an environmentally friendly way to commute to her job as a bookshop owner in the city.

Wolfe found her solution about a month ago: an electric bicycle. It gets her to work quickly and is better for the environment than a car.

"I'm not out to win any races," she said. "I want to get a little fresh air and exercise, and cut my carbon footprint, and spend less money on gas. And where I live, I can ride my bike seven months out of the year."

"I want to get a little fresh air and exercise, and cut my carbon footprint, and spend less money on gas."
HONORA WOLFE,
who commutes to her job on an electric bike

The surging cost of gasoline and a desire for a greener commute are turning more people to electric bikes. They function like a typical two-wheeler but with a battery-powered assist, and bike dealers, riders and experts say they are flying off the racks.

Official sales figures are hard to pin down, but the Gluskin-Townley Group, which does market research for the National Bicycle Dealers Association, estimates electric bike sales in the U.S. jumped 66 percent from 2006 to 2007.

Bert Cebular, who owns electric bike and scooter dealership NYCeWheels in New York, said his sales are up about 50 percent so far this year over last. **Amazon.com** says sales of electric bikes surged more than 6,000 percent in July from a year earlier, in part because of its expanded offerings.

"The electric bikes are the next big thing," said Frank Jamerson, a former General Motors executive turned electric vehicle guru.

Although regulations vary by state, federal law classifies electric bikes as bicycles, and no license or registration is required as long as they don't go faster than 20 mph and their power doesn't exceed 750 watts.

Price largely determines weight, quality and battery type. A few hundred dollars gets you an IZIP mountain bike from Amazon with a heavy lead-acid battery. For $1,400, you can buy a 250-watt folding bike powered by a more-powerful, longer-lasting nickel-metal hydride battery similar to those in a camera or a Toyota Prius. At the high end, $2,525 buys an extra-light 350-watt model sporting a lightweight lithium-ion battery similar to a laptop's.

Most models can go at least 20 miles before plugging in to recharge. Although the cost of electricity can vary, fully recharging the battery on a typical model costs less than a dime.

Joe Conforti, a commercial film director from New York, uses a four-year-old model designed by former auto titan Lee Iacocca in the 1990s for running errands or getting to social occasions.

"It's really nice," said Conforti, who is eagerly looking to upgrade to a newer, more powerful ride. "If you've got a date, you go to meet friends—you go out on a [conventional] bike, you're gonna sweat up. You go out in an electric bike, it's great, it's terrific, you're not gonna sweat up, and you ride home fine."

Cebular said business at his store and on his Web site has been booming.

"Fifty percent of that increase is probably because of gas prices, and the rest is that there's just more bikes out there," said Cebular, who has run his shop on Manhattan's Upper East Side for seven years.

Improved technology also has made electric bikes more popular, Cebular said.

"When I started, there was only one bike that had a nickel-metal hydride battery—everything else was lead-acid and was 80 or 90 pounds," he said.

Ultra Motor, an England-based electric bike and scooter company, is betting that it can capitalize on what it sees as a growing market for attractive-looking two-wheelers designed specifically for U.S. commuters. The company on Aug. 12 unveiled its "A2B" model, a slick, low-riding electric bike.

Ultra took a conventional bike and added fatter wheels, a lower center of gravity and a thick shaft designed to hide the lithium-ion battery inside, U.S. Chief Executive Chris Deyo said. The result is a cross between a motorcycle and a mountain bike.

The company already has signed up 75 dealers nationwide to sell the $2,500 bike starting next month.

"A year ago, when you mentioned the word electric bike, people looked at you and they really weren't sure what it was," Deyo said. "Today, what we're finding is we're actually having dealers call us seeking an electric bike to meet the demand."

How they work

The principle behind electric bikes is akin to that behind hybrid cars: Combine the conventional technology—in this case, old-fashioned pedaling—with a battery-powered motor. The net result is a vehicle that rides a bit like a scooter, with some legwork required. Most models have a motorcycle-like throttle that gives a boost while going up hills or accelerating from a stop. On some models, the motor kicks in automatically and adjusts its torque based on how hard the rider pedals. AP

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Slow going

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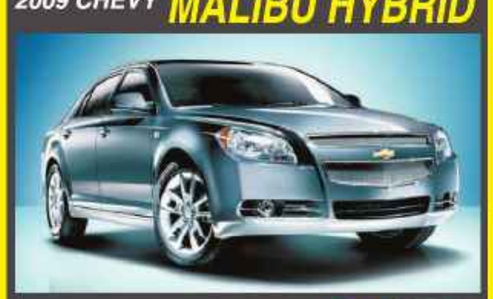
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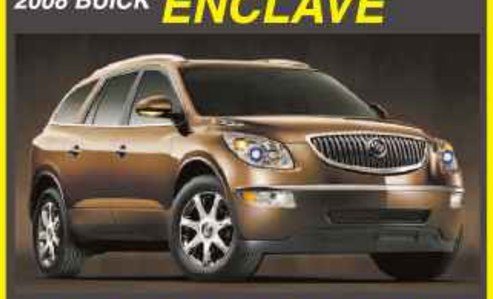
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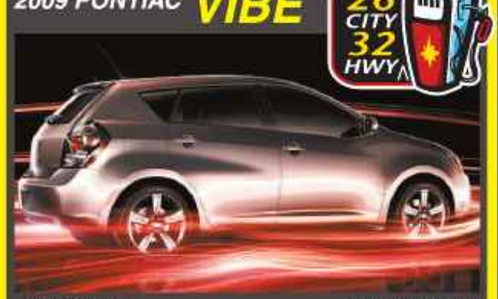
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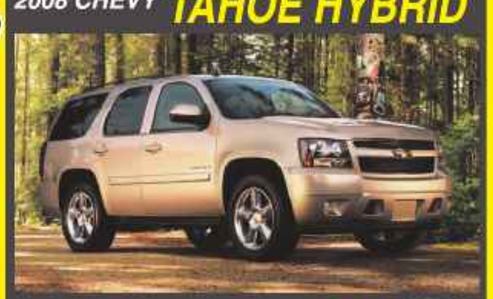
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Women shine in new reality shows

Cho's life on the It List

An outspoken, sometimes shocking comedian with docile parents and a colorful inner circle, with bumps along her stand-up career? It could be "Kathy Griffin: My Life on the D-List," but this time it's a new VH1 show about Margaret Cho.

The Korean-American comedian says her "Cho Show," debuting at 10 p.m. Thursday, goes beyond that.

"I love Kathy Griffin's show. She's a very, very good friend of mine. I actually was just in it," Cho told writers at the TV critics press tour last month. "But she's very different from me in that she's white."

It's quite a difference from the network sitcom in which she once starred, "All American Girl" in 1994.

"At that time, we brought the first Asian-American family on television. It was like a really ground-breaking thing, a very difficult thing, and, you know, I'm very proud now to bring the second Asian-American family to television," she said. "I'm actually No. 1 and No. 2. So that's an achievement." HARTFORD COURANT

Cho
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Fox looks for celeb stylist

Vivica A. Fox never met a camera she didn't like, which might explain her new show, "Glam God with Vivica A. Fox."

In the reality show, debuting at 9 p.m. Thursday on VH1, the actress hosts a competition for "the next great celebrity stylist."

Fox figures she knows a lot about style, though she admits she once made a mistake. A magazine pointed it out, she said.

"I've had it one time happen to me, 'What the hell was she thinking?' And we made sure that that did not happen again," she said. "Sometimes you take a chance and you think that you know—or someone asks you to wear a dress as a favor." MCT

"Some days the day works out how you want it to. Some days it doesn't. That was, obviously, not my best day. But I feel like I'm a winner."

— TABATHA COFFEY,
on getting her own show, "Tabatha's Salon Takeover," which debuts at 9 p.m. Thursday on Bravo, despite being ejected from her season on "Shear Genius"

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Cyndi Lauper headlines this year's Glamorama at Macy's.

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RedEye

Macy's annual fall fashion kickoff party, Glamorama, returns this year with some 1980s flair.

Cyndi Lauper and MC Hammer headline the '80s-themed bash at 8 p.m. Friday at the Chicago Theatre, 175. N. State St. The event celebrates its 10th anniversary and 10 years of raising money to support the Auxiliary Board and Evening Associates of the Art Institute of Chicago.

» Cyndi Lauper leaves '80s behind with new disc. **Page 37**

Tanika Ray, weekend correspondent for "Extra!," and fashion expert Lawrence Zarian host the 7 p.m. red carpet. In addition to Lauper and Hammer, celebs Steve Guttenberg and Sanaa Lathan are scheduled to attend.

Clothing by designers such as Marc Jacobs, Donna Karan Collection, CNC Costume National, Just Cavalli, SportMax, Tibi, Tommy Hilfiger and others will be featured in the fashion show. The 7th floor of Macy's, 111 State St., will be transformed from a retail Mecca into '80s party central for the after-party, with nearly 25 bars, food stations and spinning by DJ Berrie.

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I'm psyched for one particular fall fad: eyes lined with deep navy, olive and plum hues. Does that mean I have to splurge on a Crayola-like assortment of eye pencils? Thanks to Payoff, DuWop's handy little vial of magic liquid, the answer is no. I squeezed a drop of the stuff on a few of my favorite shimmer eye shadows, then dipped in an eyeliner brush and—voila!—instant liquid liner. When I applied the newly liquefied shadows on my lids, the results were satisfyingly intense.

HOLLY E. THOMAS, THE WASHINGTON POST

SKIP IT

FREEZE 24-7 CLEANSER AND MASK

$65 at department stores and **freeze247.com**

Since my skin tends toward dryness (and I tend toward laziness), I usually wash my face with either water alone or whatever is in the shower. To the rescue, I hoped: Freeze 24-7 Skin Glace Daily Detoxifying Cleanser & Mask. After a few weeks of using the gel, my skin seemed a little smoother. But the small eruptions on my chin continued, and I found myself drifting back to my usual routine of water washes.

HANNAH SCHARDT, THE WASHINGTON POST

MENSCIENCE ADVANCED FACE TONIC

$29 at Grooming Lounge stores and **menscience.com**

MenScience's Advanced Face Tonic has become the quickest, easiest part of my morning. The company claims that the odorless stuff gets rid of oily buildup and dead skin cells, clears pores, smooths the complexion and helps reduce breakouts. It didn't take long for the toner to make a difference, which was a surprise in the midst of summer, the worst season for my complexion. The alcohol-free solution simply lived up to its claims, reducing the summer slick factor without being caustic to the dry areas of my face.

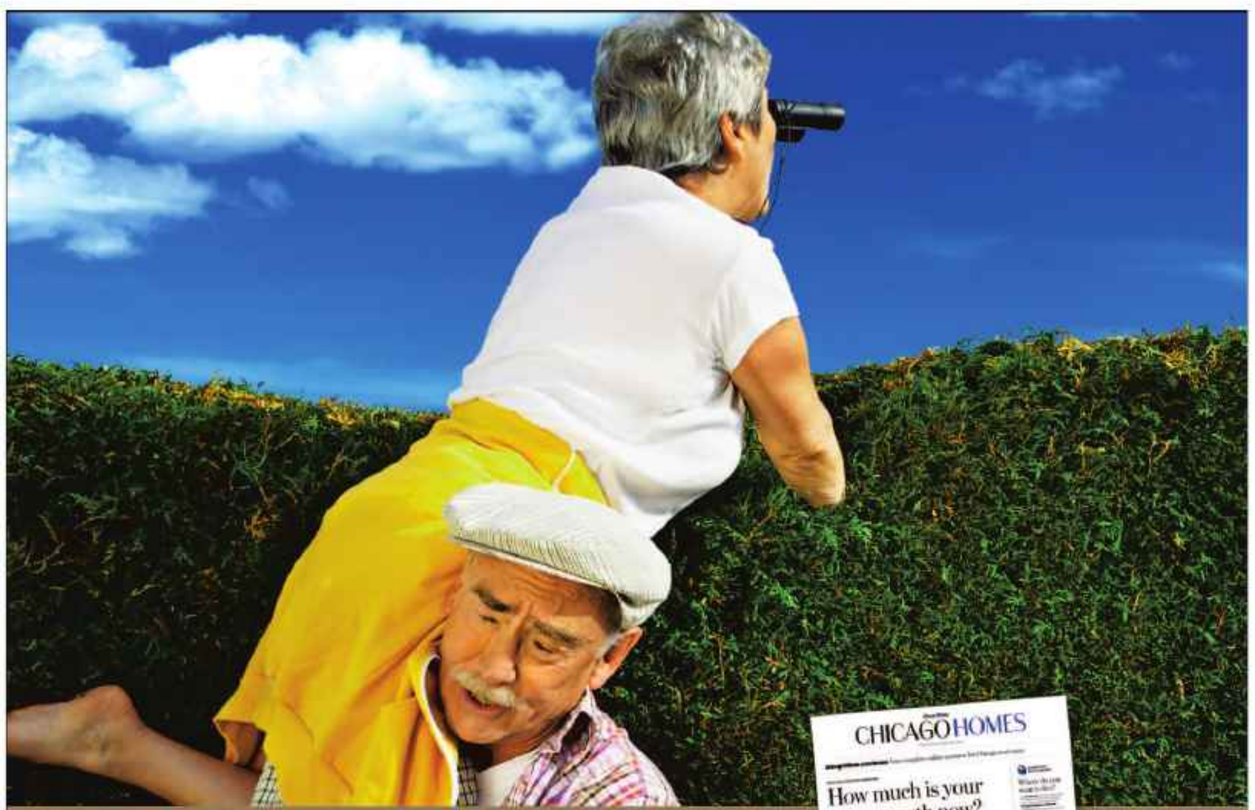
JUSTIN RUDE, THE WASHINGTON POST

PRESCRIPTIVES LASH BUILDER MASCARA BASE COAT

$16 at department stores and **prescriptives.com**

The Lash Builder Mascara Basecoat glazes lashes with a creamy white formula that's intended to lengthen, thicken and define. I smoothed on a coat of the lotion-y formula, stared momentarily at my freakishly white lashes, then applied a layer of my favorite Estee Lauder mascara. My resulting lashes had a look even Twiggy would envy: full, fabulous and longer than ever. And the curl lasted hours longer than usual. In my eyes (ba-da-bum!), it's safe to move this one right into the can't-live-without-it category.

MICHELLE THOMAS, THE WASHINGTON POST



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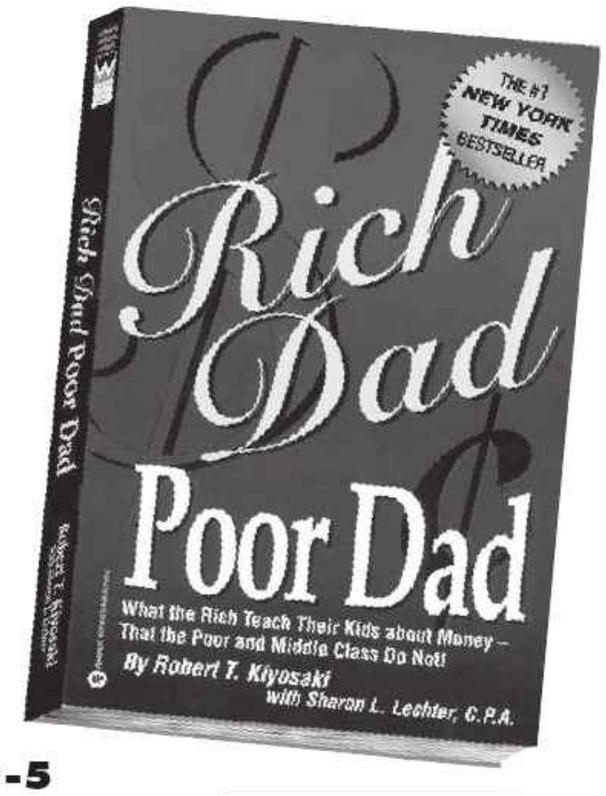

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- **Mirrors** (R) 11:35,2:30,5:20,7:00,8:00,9:50,10:50
- **Tropic Thunder** (R) 11:45,2:15,5:00,7:40,10:20
- **Pineapple Exp** (R) 11:20,2:00,4:50,7:50,10:40
- **Mummy-Tomb** (PG–13) 12:30,3:15,6:15,11:15
- **Step Brothers** (R) 12:45,3:00,5:45,8:15,11:00
- **The Dark Knight** (PG–13) 12:00,1:15,3:30,4:40,7:15,8:30,10:30
- **Mamma Mia!** (PG–13) 11:15,1:50,4:20,8:45

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- **Frozen River** (R) 1:50,4:30,7:10,10:10
- **Man on Wire** (PG–13) 2:10,4:50,7:40,10:00
- **Bottle Shock** (PG–13) 1:40,4:20,7:20,9:50
- **American Teen** (PG–13) 1:30,4:15,6:45,9:45
- **Chris & Don** (NR) 2:00,4:40,9:55
- **Brideshead Rev** (PG–13) 4:00,7:00,10:15
- **Tell No One** (NR) 1:45,4:35,7:30,10:25

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- **I.O.U.S.A.** (PG) ★ 7:00
- **Cirque Soleil** (NR) ★ 7:00
- **Clone Wars** (PG) ★ 12:30,2:20,3:15,4:50,6:15,9:00
- **Mirrors** (R) ★ 1:10,4:00,6:50,7:20,9:50,10:20
- **Tropic Thunder** (R) ★ 12:40,1:30,2:00,3:30,4:30,5:00,6:40, 7:15,7:50,9:30,10:00,10:40
- **Pineapple Exp** (R) 1:40,2:10,3:50,4:40,5:20,7:30,8:00,9:40,10:15,10:50
- **Mummy-Tomb** (PG–13) 1:20,4:10,7:10,9:55
- **Step Brothers** (R) 2:30,5:10,7:40,10:10
- **The Dark Knight** (PG–13) 12:15,2:45,3:40,7:00,10:30
- **Journey-Center** (PG) 1:50,4:20
- **WALL-E** (G) 12:50

DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE)
4614 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago
(773) 784-0893
- **Tropic Thunder** (R) ★ 12:30,2:50,5:10,7:30,9:50
- **Pineapple Exp** (R) ★ 12:40,3:00,5:20,7:40,10:00
- **Step Brothers** (R) 1:45,3:45,5:45,7:45,9:45
- **The Dark Knight** (PG–13) 12:45,3:50,7:15,10:15

FORD CITY 14 (AMC)
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AMC Select - The best specialty films
- AMC Select **Henry Poole** (PG) 2:10,4:50,7:15,9:45
- **The Rocker** (PG–13) 1:40,4:20,7:20,9:50
- **Clone Wars** (PG) 1:15,2:15,3:45,4:35,6:40,9:15
- **Mirrors** (R) 1:10,3:35,6:15,7:10,8:50,10:00
- **Tropic Thunder** (R) 1:00,2:00,3:40,4:30,6:20,7:00,9:00,9:30
- **Pineapple Exp** (R) 2:30,5:05,7:35,10:10
- **Sisterhood-2** (PG–13) 1:45,4:40,7:25,10:05
- **Mummy-Tomb** (PG–13) 1:35,2:20,5:00,7:05,7:30,10:15
- **Step Brothers** (R) 1:05,3:15,5:30,7:45,9:55
- **The Dark Knight** (PG–13) 1:30,3:05,4:45,6:30,8:00,9:35
- **Hellboy-Army** (PG–13) 4:15,9:40

GENE SISKEL FILM CENTER
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- **Unk Wom** (NR) 6:00,8:15
- **Kings of** (NR) 7:30

LINCOLN VILLAGE THEATER
6341 N. McCormick at Devon Chicago
312-642-2403
- **Clone Wars** (PG) 11:05,1:10,3:15,5:25,7:30,9:50
- **Tropic Thunder** (R) 11:30,2:00,4:30,8:00,10:30
- **Mummy-Tomb** (PG–13) 11:45,2:15,4:45,7:15,9:40
- **The Dark Knight** (PG–13) 10:00,1:00,4:00,7:00,10:00
- **Pineapple Exp** (R) 12:15,2:30,5:00,7:30,10:15

LOGAN THEATRE
2646 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago
(773) 252-0628
- **Mamma Mia!** (PG–13) 2:10,4:15,6:20,8:30
- **Hancock** (PG–13) 2:10,4:15,6:15,8:20

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LOGAN THEATRE (continued)
- **WALL-E** (G) 2:00,4:05,6:05,8:10
- **Hellboy-Army** (PG–13) 2:15,4:20,6:30,8:40

MUSIC BOX
3733 N. Southport, Chicago
(773) 871-6604
- **What We** (R) 5:40,7:40,9:40
- **Alexandra** (NR) 5:30,7:30
- **Boy A** (R) 9:30 P.M.

PIPERS ALLEY (AMC)
1608 N. Wells, Chicago
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AMC Select - The best specialty films
- AMC Select **Vicky Cristina** (PG–13) 1:20,3:30,5:40,7:50
- AMC Select **Transsiberian** (R) 1:05,3:25,5:50,8:00
- AMC Select **Baghead** (R) 5:15 P.M.
- AMC Select **The Wackness** (R) 2:30 P.M.
- **Hancock** (PG–13) 4:55 P.M.
- **Iron Man** (PG–13) 2:35,7:15
- **Terminator 2** (R) 7:00 P.M.

RIVER EAST 21 (AMC)
322 E. Illinois Street
847-765-7262
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- AMC Select **Vicky Cristina** (PG–13) 2:00,4:30,7:20,10:05
- AMC Select **Henry Poole** (PG) 3:00,10:35
- AMC Select **Hamlet 2** (R) 12:01 A.M.
- **Cirque Soleil** (NR) 7:00 P.M.
- **Death Race** (R) 12:01 A.M.
- **The House Bunny** (PG–13) 12:01 A.M.
- AMC Select **Bottle Shock** (PG–13) 12:05,2:40,10:25
- **I.O.U.S.A.** (PG) 7:00 P.M.
- **The Rocker** (PG–13) 12:00,2:30,5:00,7:45,10:35
- **Clone Wars** (PG) 12:35,1:35,3:05,4:05,6:45,10:05
- **Tropic Thunder** (R) 12:25,1:15,2:15,3:15,4:15,5:15,6:15, 7:15,8:15,9:15,10:15
- AMC Select **Elegy** (R) 12:01 A.M.
- AMC Select **Transsiberian** (R) 1:30,4:10,7:10,10:10
- AMC Select **Brideshead Rev** (PG–13) 1:10,4:10,7:25,10:40
- **Pineapple Exp** (R) 12:30,3:30,5:30,6:30,8:30,9:30
- **Sisterhood-2** (PG–13) 1:20,4:15,7:15,10:15

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RIVER EAST 21 (AMC) (continued)
- **Mummy-Tomb** (PG–13) 1:00,4:00,7:00,10:00
- **Step Brothers** (R) 12:30,3:00,5:45,8:15,10:45
- **The Dark Knight** (PG–13) 12:50,1:50,3:10,4:10,4:50,5:30, 7:00,7:30,8:30,9:15,10:30
- **Mamma Mia!** (PG–13) 12:00,2:35,5:10,7:50,10:35
- **Journey-Center** (PG) ◆ 12:50,3:20,10:30
- **WALL-E** (G) 12:30 P.M.

CROWN VILLAGE 18 (KERASOTES)
7000 Carperter Rd., Skokie
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- **Cirque Soleil** (NR) ★ 7:00

WEBSTER PLACE (KERASOTES)
1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago
(800) 326-3264 #1641
- **The Rocker** (PG–13) ★ 1:00,3:50,6:40,9:50
- **Clone Wars** (PG) ★ 1:15,4:00,6:50,9:30
- **Henry Poole** (PG) ★ 1:40,4:30,7:20,10:10
- **Tropic Thunder** (R) ★ 12:40,1:50,3:30,4:40,6:20,7:30,9:10,10:15
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- **Mamma Mia!** (PG–13) 2:15,5:00,7:50,10:40

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- **Clone Wars** (PG) 1:50,2:00,4:20,4:50,7:00,7:40,9:30,10:30
- **Mirrors** (R) 12:30,1:40,3:20,4:40,6:10,7:20,9:10,10:15
- **Tropic Thunder** (R) 12:45,1:30,3:30,4:15,6:40,7:10,9:45,10:00
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- **The Dark Knight** (PG–13) 12:50,3:10,4:10,6:30,7:30,9:50
- **Hancock** (PG–13) 1:20,4:00,6:20,8:50

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- **The Rocker** (PG–13) ★ 1:00,3:45,6:40,9:40
- **Clone Wars** (PG) ★ 12:10,1:50,2:40,4:30,5:10,7:00,9:30
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- **Step Brothers** (R) 1:30,4:20,7:30,10:20
- **The Dark Knight** (PG–13) 1:20,3:10,4:40,6:30,7:15,8:00,9:50,10:30
- **Space Chimps** (G) 12:40,2:50,5:00

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- **Clone Wars** (PG) 12:00,2:15,4:30,6:45,9:00
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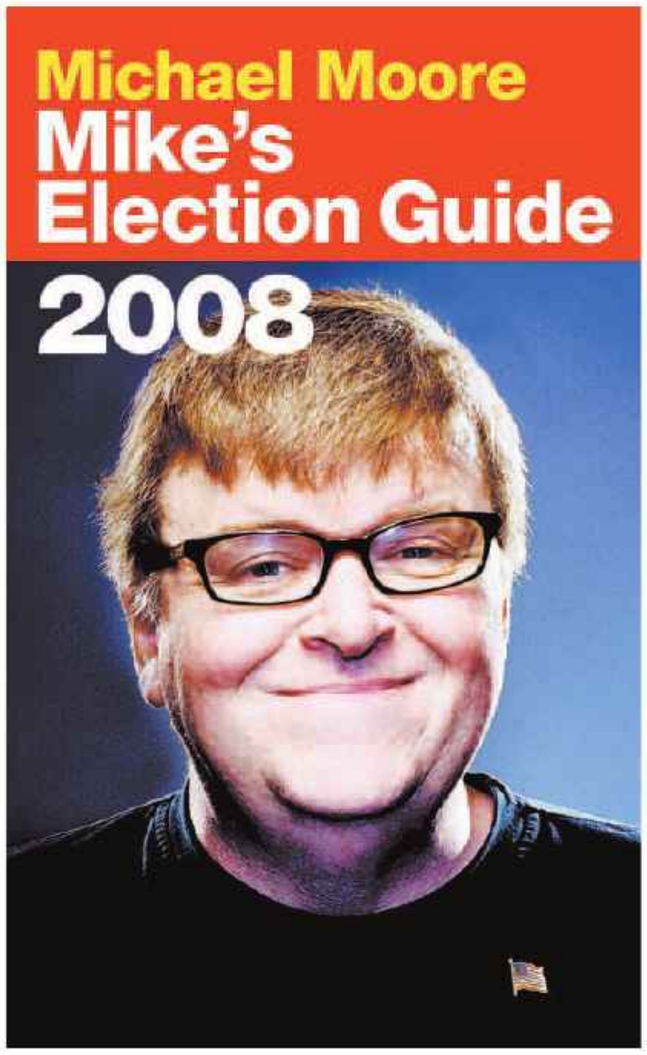

Associated Press

In case you're wondering which books to read this fall, Michael Moore has a suggestion: Don't read any.

Not the new fiction by Toni Morrison or Philip Roth or Stephen King. Not that policy book by Sen. Barack Obama, whom Moore is supporting for president; or Bob Woodward's latest on the Bush administration; or Thomas Friedman's manifesto on the environment.

Not even a little paperback meant as a handbook to the political campaigns. It's called "Mike's Election Guide 2008" and it's written by Academy Award-winning filmmaker and well-known agitator, Michael Moore.

"There really is no time for any frivolity," said Moore, who believes that electing progressives will improve the economy, and in the long run, enable people to read more. "People are already working two jobs to put gas in the tank, so they can drive from the first job to the second job. People need to spend as much of their free time as possible for candidates."

A multibillion-dollar industry has been built around such "frivolity" and if Moore is looking for an argument he can begin with the team at Grand Central Publishing that's releasing "Mike's Election Guide." Grand Central publisher Jamie Raab says she agrees with him "on the issues, and on the importance of the election.

"But I don't agree about reading his book. If people are going to vote wisely, they need to understand what's at stake."

Stephen King: Scary in all media

Los Angeles Times

Stephen King always has looked for new delivery systems for his work.

Over the years, he has put out comics and exclusive audio books; he even directed a feature film. Perhaps most significant, he was the first mainstream author to experiment with Web-only publishing, all the way back in 2000.

On July 25, King launched a Web-only project, an original video series based on his as-yet unpublished story "N." The idea is to post five episodes a week for five weeks—25 in all—as an experiment in hybrid storytelling. Each episode is short, less than two minutes, and is accessible not just online but via mobile software. It may be the first short story you can watch on your phone.

King

This is a PR exercise: The story "N." will appear in King's next book, "Just After Sunset," which comes out in November.

"N." the series is a kind of digital graphic novel. Each episode comes fully produced, with music, sound effects and voice-overs.

Upcoming reads

Here are 10 notable books coming out this fall:

FICTION

"Just After Sunset"
Short stories from the horror master Stephen King.

"The Given Day"
A Boston-based epic from Dennis Lehane, the author of "Mystic River."

"A Lion Among Men"
More "Wicked"-ness from Gregory Maguire, the author of "Wicked."

"American Wife"
Curtis Sittenfeld, the author of "Prep," fictionalizes the life of Laura Bush.

"The Widows of Eastwick"
John Updike writes a sequel to "The Witches of Eastwick."

NONFICTION

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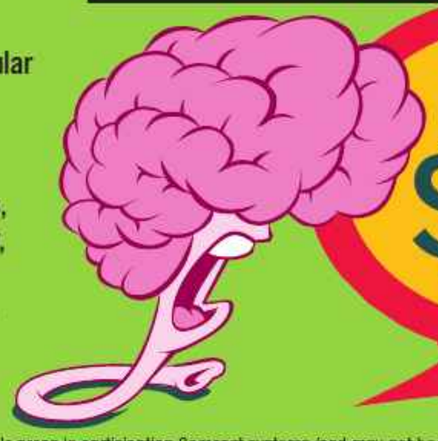
"A Promise to Ourselves"
"30 Rock" actor Alec Baldwin shares thoughts on parenting and divorce.

"Here's the Story"
Marcia! Marcia! Marcia! All the news from "Brady Bunch" actress Maureen McCormick.

"Change We Can Believe In"
Policy statements and speeches from Sen. Barack Obama and his campaign staff.

"Hot, Flat and Crowded"
Thomas Friedman, the author of "The World Is Flat," calls for environmental action.

"John Lennon: The Life"
Philip Norman offers an 800-page biography of the late Beatle.



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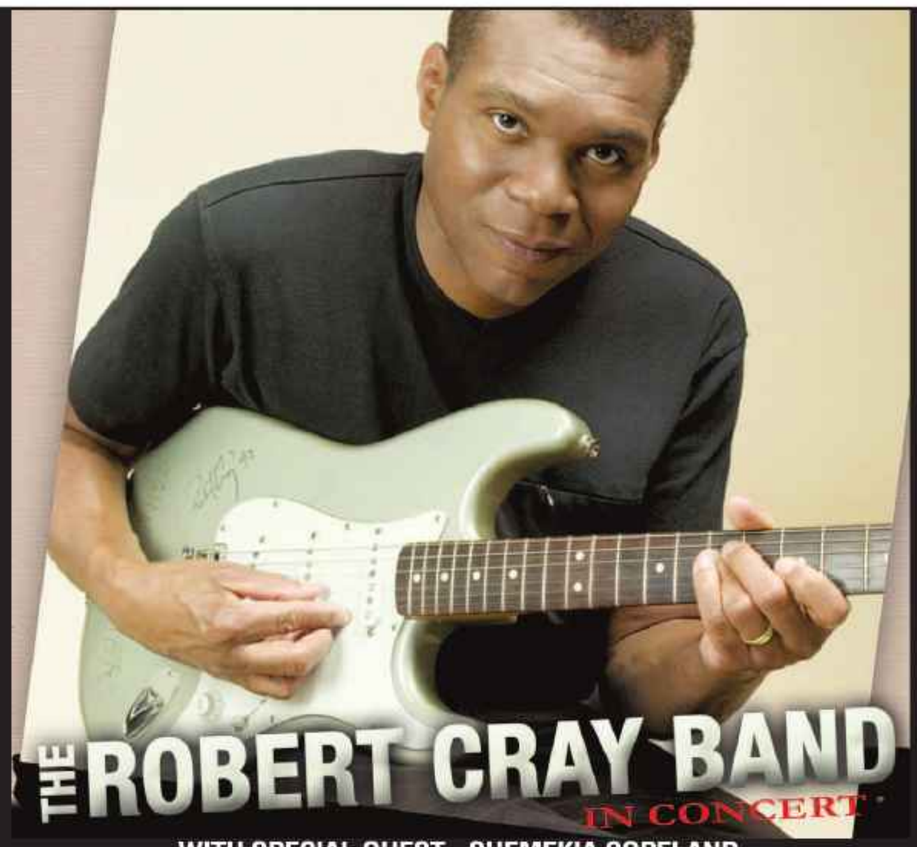

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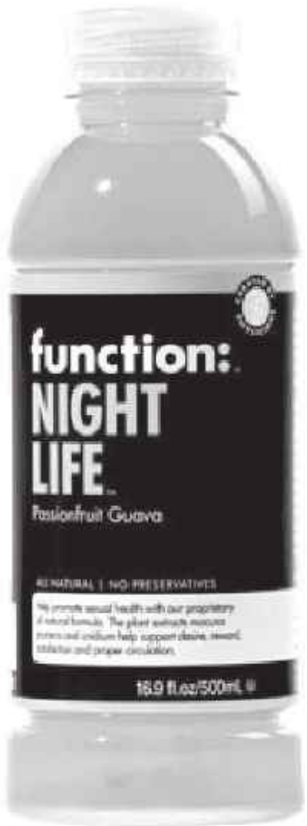
Liquid Viagra too good to be true?

Beverage claims to boost 'sex health'



Most people know that the Whole Foods in Boystown is very cruise-y. Cute boys with their canvas bags walk the aisles and eye each other up and down. They don't call it the checkout line for nothing.

But I go to Whole Foods for a different reason: to check out what new items are being advertised to improve my health and well-being.

There's always some new product promoting all-natural energy or a clearer mind or whatever. I am a sucker for all of them. That is how I found a drink that is supposed to make you horny ... sort of.

It's a beverage called "Function: Night Life" that claims to "promote sexual health" and "support desire, reward, satisfaction and proper circulation."

Are we talking liquid Viagra? It sounded a bit dubious, but interesting, so of course I bought five bottles.

I decided I would drink a bottle a night for five nights and see if it increased my stamina, as the label claims it does. Would this make me randy and a better lover, or would it just make me run to the restroom every 20 minutes?

There are many "all natural" substances out there that claim to increase your libido. Even the popular herb ginseng comes with claims of sexual potency attached. Ginseng is available in any health store and is listed as an ingredient in Diet Pepsi Max and Coca-Cola's Full Throttle line of energy drinks. Have a Coke and a smile—and an erection.

Function: Night Life doesn't have ginseng but does list other ingredients like guarana and cnidium—whatever that is—that claim to give you a sexual boost. So I chugged my first bottle. Not the best tasting drink, but I was willing to tolerate a bad taste in my mouth if it left a good sensation in my pants.

I didn't notice any increase in my sexual prowess at first. By the third night, however, I did feel a bit more randy. And by the fifth day I was really jazzed up. The problem: I didn't time my experiment correctly. I had to drink the last bottle over the weekend of Lollapalooza, when my partner was spending 12-15 hours a day in Grant Park, and I was left at home alone.

I tried to keep myself busy by answering some neglected e-mails, but every time I logged onto the computer I found myself getting very distracted by an adult Web site. Three hours of my Sunday down the drain.

I tried leaving the house to clear my head, but the nice weekend weather meant that many men had their shirts off and were wearing tiny shorts that did not quell my anxiousness in the least.

I even tried watching a few episodes of "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" as a distraction, but I'll be damned if those vampires aren't sexy. Hell, I got turned on by a commercial for the Olympics: They have to be marketing to gay men with all those hot gymnast and swimmer bodies in those ads.

I'm not sure if the drink was really the source of my randy behavior, but there is only one way to find out. I bought six more bottles to take with us on our next vacation. If we end up never leaving the room, we'll know it was the juice that jazzed us up. **SEX COLUMNIST JASON STEELE IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.**

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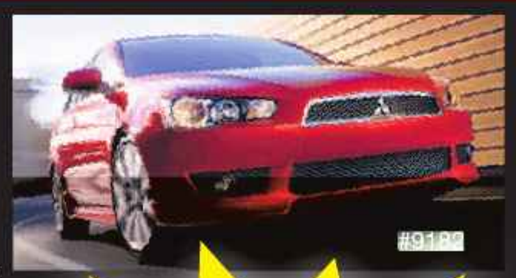

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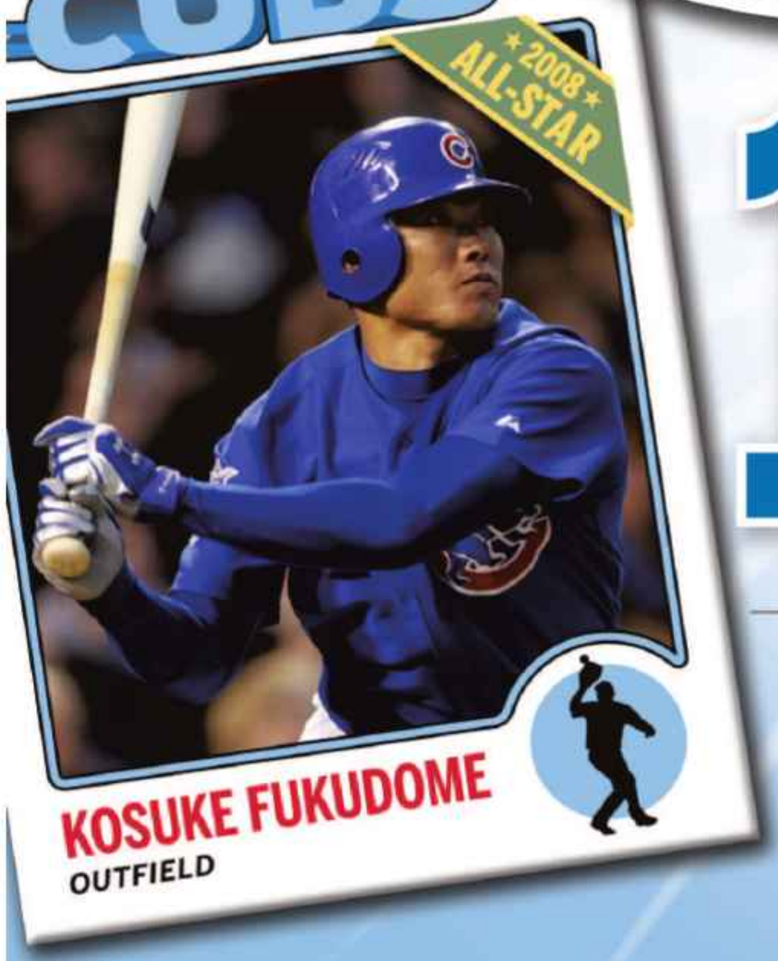

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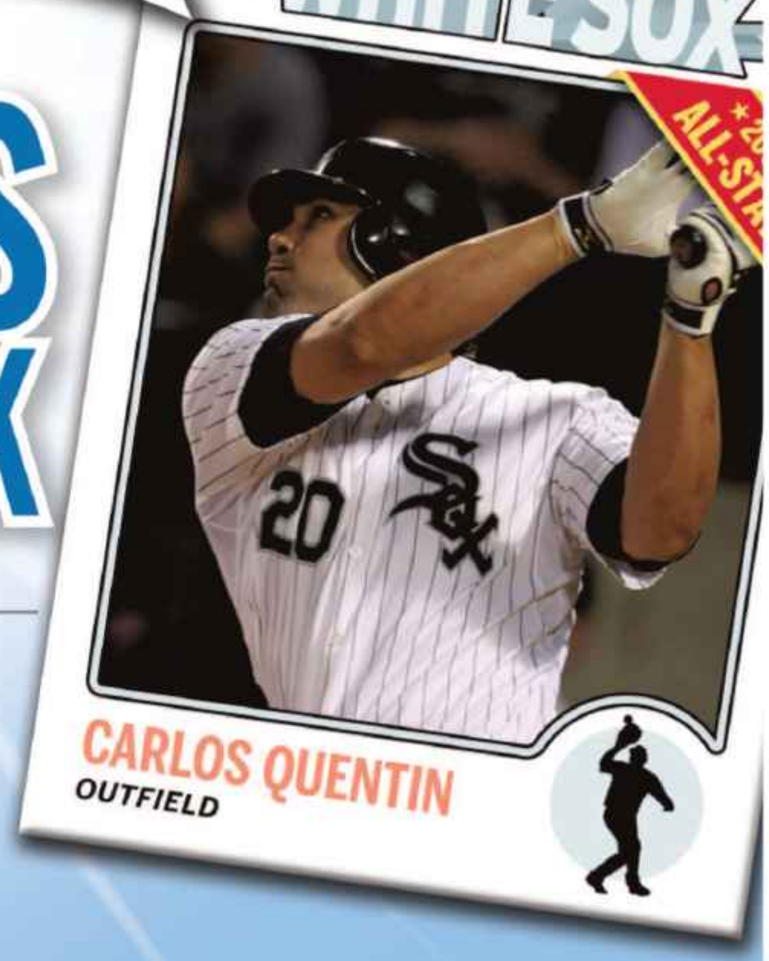

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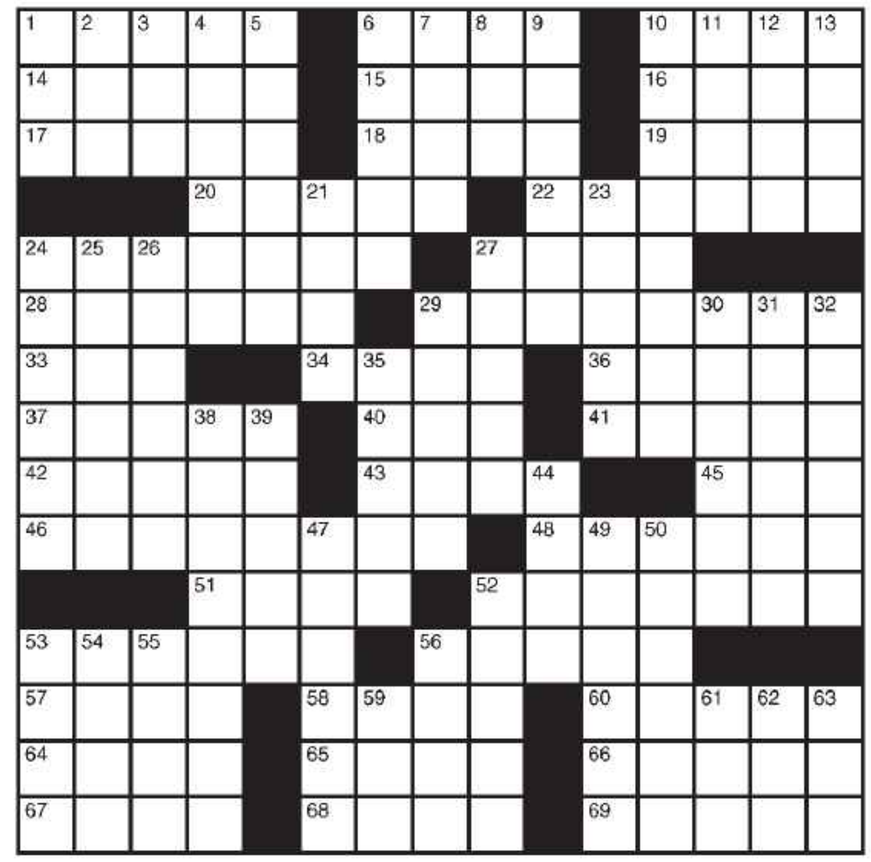

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15 Show boredom
16 Going by yacht
17 Use forcefully
18 Fast-food magnate Ray
19 Depend (on)
20 Light meals
22 Performance prizes
24 Options
27 Lamenter's cry
28 Leaned to one side
29 Birthday party items
33 SASE, e.g.
34 Scorch
36 Binding device
37 Once more
40 No-seats-available letters
41 Land of Port-au-Prince
42 "Aida" composer
43 Mailed
45 Rummy game
46 Concentrated extracts
48 Come back to life
51 Big burden
52 Trigonometric functions
53 Ringwald and Pitcher
56 State-run gambling
57 Melville novel
58 Excursion
60 Choir voices
64 Carried a tune
65 Seep
66 Traffic snarl
67 Deuce beater
68 Anthropologist Margaret
69 Way in

DOWN
1 That girl
2 Big D location
3 Mineral vein
4 Eddie Murphy film
5 Lure
6 Toddlers
7 Dinghy movers
8 Pair count
9 Available by beeper
10 City south of Tampa
11 _-friendly
12 Pinochle display
13 Has printed on it
21 Knight and Williams
23 Guitarist Joe
24 Split in two
25 Door holders
26 Academy Awards
27 Slugger Hank
29 Uncovers
30 Beginning
31 Indigenous
32 Book backs
35 Twisty turns
38 School of thought
39 Fool
44 Jogging pace
47 Usual practice
49 Will contents
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Shipping off?

Paris going to great lengths to find a new bestie

Paris Hilton sounds super serious about finding a new bestie.

The celebutante is shopping a British version of her much-hyped upcoming MTV reality show about her search for a new best friend, according to the Web site of ITV, the U.K. network reportedly slated to air the series. "Everyone knows I love L.A. But London, watch out—I'm coming to town and bringing my fast-paced life with me," Hilton is quoted as saying on **itv.com**.

"I'm in the U.K. all the time, but of course I can't bring all my friends, so I've decided to look for a new BFF across the pond."

The show sounds nearly identical to the one MTV announced in March (reportedly titled "Paris Hilton's My New BFF"). Contestants will have to keep up with Hilton's "dizzying" schedule, according to the ITV network, and they'll be judged on whether they have the "looks and style to effortlessly accompany La Hilton down the red carpet."

Meanwhile, the American version of the reality show hasn't even aired yet. Still, this announcement about a possible British export got us thinking: Is "La Hilton" ready for an overseas adventure? In that spirit, here are a few do's and don't's for the heiress should the international version of her show get off the ground.

The entourage

DO: Bring along a sizable group of handlers, and play up the "heiress" in Paris—as this would fly in a monarchy-minded motherland.
DON'T: Squabble over the difference between a monarchy and a constitutional monarchy. Or bring your dog.

The publicity

DO: Get your name in the tabloids.
DON'T: Hang out with Amy Winehouse to do it.

The boy

DO: Invite beau Benji Madden along for the journey.
DON'T: Wear that "Benji" pendant abroad.

The sights, sounds

DO: Soak up the history and culture of the United Kingdom.
DON'T: Make any sort of political comments. Or ads.

The catchphrase

DO: Use one.
DON'T: Recycle "That's hot," which has, like, totally fallen out of favor in the U.S.

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No hard feelings

Is "American Idol" judge Simon Cowell changing his tune about former contestant Sanjaya Malakar?

That depends on how you interpret his video message to the wild-haired standout, whom Cowell routinely panned in Season 6.

"Hello, Sanjaya," Cowell says in a video via "Extra," according to excerpts on the show's Web site. "In a strange way, I sort of miss you."

Malakar's reply?

"Well, thank you, Simon, I kind of miss you too!"

Holy 'Hills'!

Spencer Pratt tells E! that he now goes to church every Sunday with "The Hills" co-star Heidi Montag.

"I'm a work in progress. I'd never been to church until I met Heidi," Pratt says, according to **usmagazine.com** excerpts. "I'm trying to live a more positive, holy life, but it takes work," he said. "It's hard not sinning, you know?"

DMB plays on

Hours after learning that their saxophonist LeRoi Moore had died from complications stemming from a June ATV accident, the members of Dave Matthews Band performed Tuesday at the Staples Center in L.A. MTV interviewed fans who attended the show and described it as a somber event, noting that Matthews' voice trembled at one point when he spoke to the crowd.

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Celebrity twin

Do you look like a celebrity? Show us! Send your pic along with the name of the celeb who shares your style to **ritaredeye@tribune.com**. For Thursday, we have Angel Irizarry (right) of Chicago. Think he's a ringer for singer Chris Daughtry? Text "twin" and the number of your opinion to 47383. You'll get the poll results instantly.

1. Dead on

2. Way off

PULSE MONITOR

Celeb news, charted for your pleasure

SCANDALOUS

Dude from 'The Office' and 'Pineapple Express' facing drug charges
Eventually we'll get his name down.

'Bachelorette' reject to star in new 'Bachelor'
Bigger shocker: They're on their 13th season with this show.

Janet Jackson's Pleasure Principle lingerie line
Definitely better than naming it after 1986's "Nasty."

Tori Spelling has well wishes for '90210'
Don't we all?

Two-Face dead or alive at 'Dark Knight's' end?
Thanks, MTV, for solving this massive un-mystery.

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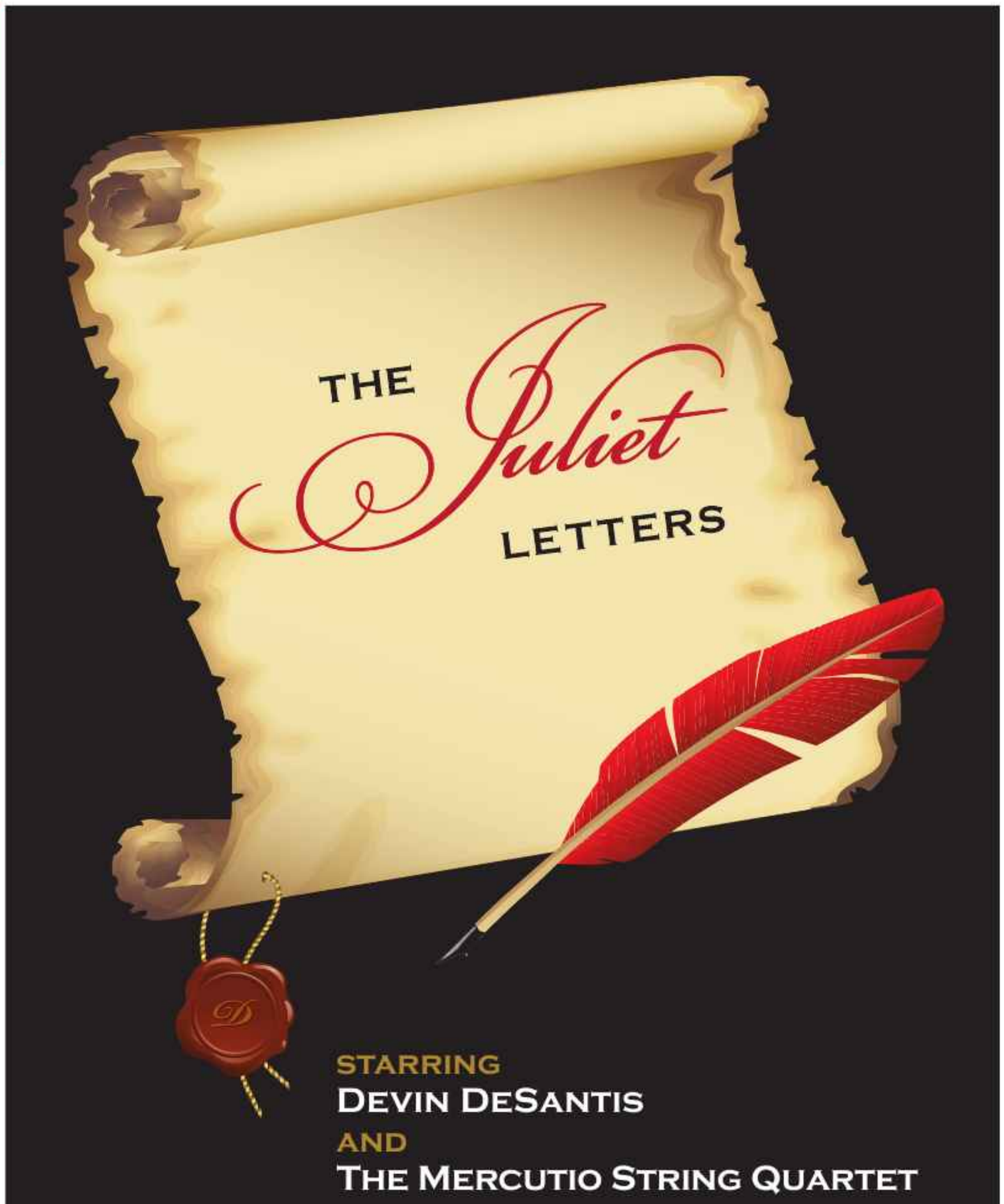

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Simpson

What's on tap? That would be Jessica Simpson.

The country singer is the new face of Stampede Light Plus beer from Dallas-based Stampede Brewing Company.

Not only is Simpson, 28, serving as the beer's spokeswoman, but she also owns a 15 percent share in the brewer, the New York Daily News reported.

"Jessica found out about Stampede after trying it in Dallas and [liked] it so much that she met with the founder and became an owner," her rep told the Daily News on Wednesday.

Simpson liked the beer because it was "consistent with her healthy lifestyle and values," her publicist said. In case you were wondering what beer has to do with health, Stampede is full of B-vitamins.

Mmm, vitamins.

Ricky Martin multiplies

Livin' la vida loca just took on a different meaning for Ricky Martin.

The 36-year-old "She Bangs" singer announced through his rep that he became the father of twins via a surrogate mother a few weeks ago.

"The children, delivered via gestational surrogacy, are healthy and already under Ricky's full-time care," said his reps. "Ricky is elated to begin this new chapter in his life as a parent and will be spending the remainder of the year out of the public spotlight in order to spend time with his children."

Ricky, get ready to shake your bon bon keeping up with those twins.

THE VELVET ROPE

In other baby news

Matt Damon and his wife, Luciana, welcomed Gia Zavala into the world Wednesday.

Gia is the third little lady in the Damon household, along with sisters Isabella, 2, and Alexia, 10.

Meanwhile, the wife of Damon's bestie, Ben Affleck, has confirmed that she's pregnant after weeks of speculation, according to "Access Hollywood."

"We're so excited, obviously," Jennifer Garner says, according to excerpts on accesshollywood.com.

Childlike enthusiasm

Janice Dickinson would hire swimmer Michael Phelps as a model.

"In a heartbeat," the self-proclaimed first supermodel told RedEye Wednesday. "His dedication and his drive kind of reminds me—I'm sorry you guys—of myself because when I was 9 years old I knew I wanted to be a model. When he was 9 years old he knew that he wanted to be in the pool."

Dickinson, who said she has been obsessed with Phelps during the Beijing Olympics, compared her career to Phelps'. "All I did was eat, sleep and exercise modeling," she said, adding that all he does is eat, sleep and swim.

"The Janice Dickinson Modeling Agency" returns at 9 p.m. Tuesday on Oxygen.

Maddening feud

Who knew Bow Wow was so tight with The Game?

Maybe that's where Boweezy got that lil' potty mouth he displayed when he made a $100,000 video game challenge to his rap counterpart on YouTube.

"I will bust your ass in that Madden," Bow Wow laughed about the NFL video game, which released its 2009 edition this month.

The Game accepted the challenge in his own YouTube video. No date has been set for their showdown.

But isn't it funny how this digital diss comes days before The Game's "LAX" hits stores on Tuesday.

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525,000

Estimated number of copies the Jonas Brothers' album "A Little Bit Longer" sold in its first week—the third-biggest sales debut of the year—easily elevating it to No. 1 on the charts, **billboard.com** reports.

so who's the sales master?

Which artist sold the most records in their debut week this year? Text **"most"** and the number of your answer to **47383**. You'll get a message telling you if you got the answer right.

1. Coldplay
2. Miley Cyrus
3. Lil Wayne
4. Nas
5. Weezer